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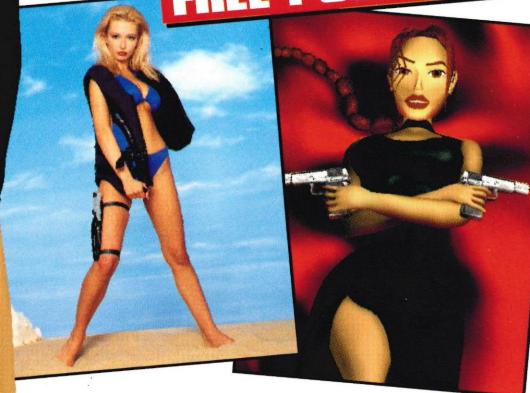
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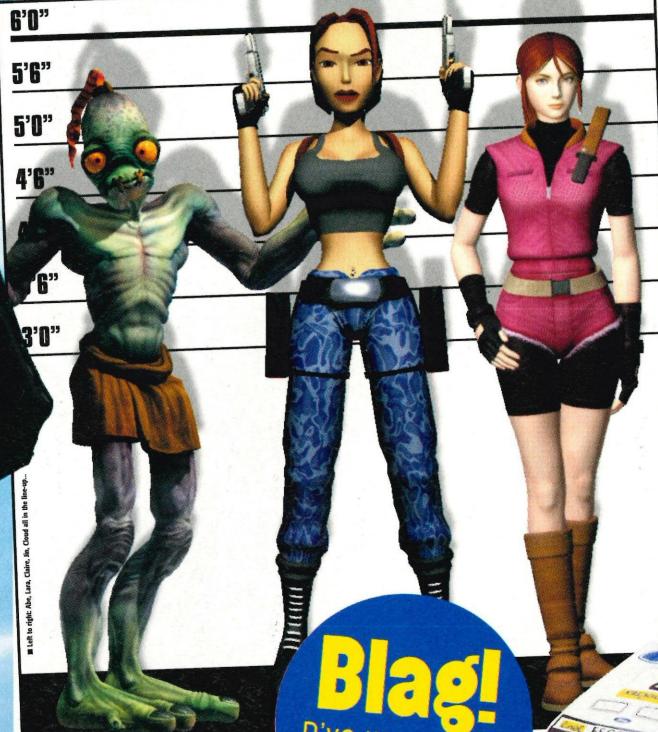


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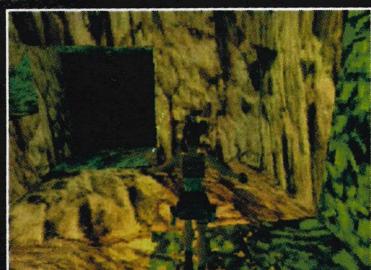
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p6 She's bigger, better and bouncier than ever before!



■ Go on, give the bird a right good stuffing!



■ Lara's hole: surrounded by dense bush



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No-brainer blast that's damn explosive
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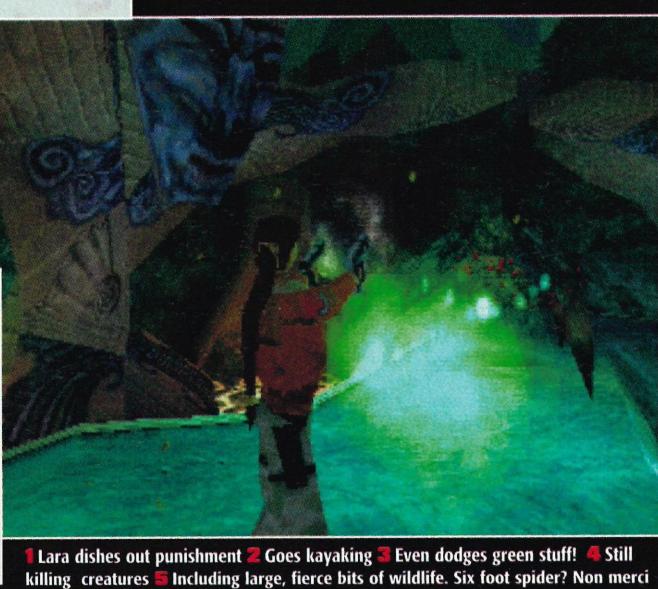
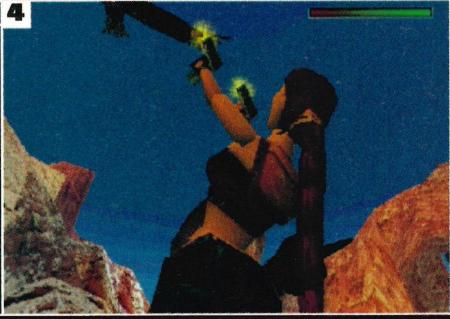
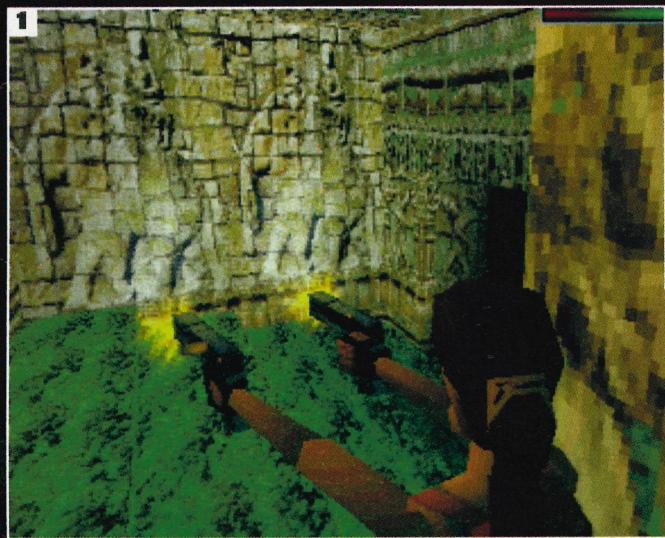
# The Works: Tomb Raider III: 5-page review

■ Lara found that her faithful nine millimetre was the best way to provide the uplift she so desperately needed...



# Fully Loaded

*Souped-up looks. More puzzles. More levels. Plus more high-calibre firearms, and more animals to kill with 'em. It's a deal. It's a steal. It's sale of the fackin' century...*



**A**cross the world, deranged cultists are beginning to wonder whether ruined temples really are the best places to hide their favourite magic rocks. Adolescents are beginning to question if their ravaged todgers can take another pummelling. Tigers and gibbons are whimpering in their lairs. Guess who's back? C'mon. It ain't hard...

1 Lara dishes out punishment 2 Goes kayaking 3 Even dodges green stuff! 4 Still killing creatures 5 Including large, fierce bits of wildlife. Six foot spider? Non merci

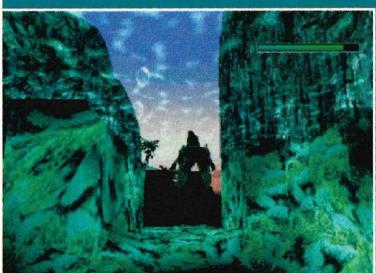
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# The Works: Tomb Raider III

## What we like

### Dr Jones, Dr Jones, calling Dr Jones!

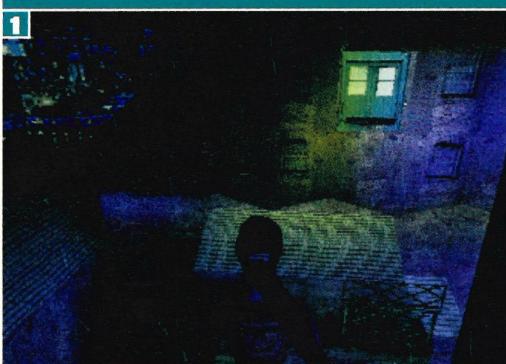
You've been sitting in front of Raiders of the Lost Ark in a turkey and brandy coma. Meditate on the virtues of Tomb Raider. It brings you all the levers, rolling balls, psychotic goons and other cool stuff that Dr Jones brings you. But our Lara brings with her more action. More violence. More pounds of bouncing boobflesh. And more puzzles. The puzzles. Jesus, the puzzles...



■ Plenty puzzles to be a-solving



■ And bad things to soak up your lead



1 And more weird stones to look for... 2 In underground dungeons filled with other weirdness  
3 Not forgetting plenty of things to fall off. Aaaaiiiiee.... crunch! Mmmmm



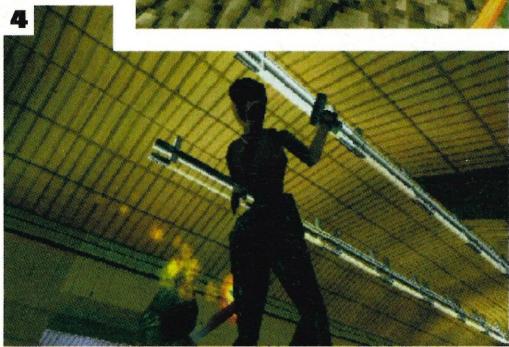
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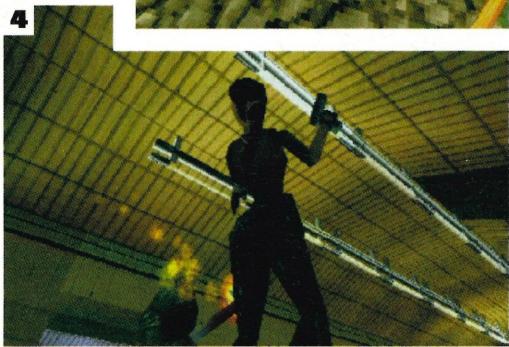
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## New moves!

As Mr Joe Average grows older he can do less stuff. His joints are getting creaky. He ain't as athletic as he was in his youth. The ol' Pink Panther isn't as perky as it used to be. Not so for Lara: every year older she gets, the more she can move. Now she can crawl, do funny swimming flips and even go monkey swinging. Watching Lara swing? Pukka...



1 The monkey swing bits are a sight to behold 2 The flashy little underwater roll. Who's a clever girl? 3 Crawling. New. Not going to make you wet yourself 4 But it sure does help in getting into those nasty inaccessible bits



## Well, I say!

Bipolar texture mapping. Bilinear trialisation. Z-buffering. Words like these are the reason computer programmers should be kept at work in slave pits away from the world of men. But rest assured there's been plenty of all of the above put into Tomb III. Check out these effects. And well done to the programming lads. Just shut up about it, orright?



1 Polar sprouting at work. Don't all clap at once  
2 And a nice little bit of Gouraud shading on this 'textured polygon' 3 Ooh! Nice wireframes!  
4 Yeah! That's it, baby! Buffer those Zs! 5 And now in layman's terms: this looks shit hot.

## New things

Tigers. Gibbons. King cobras. Endangered species. Talk about a Lara-magnet. Yup. Blam! Blam! That tiger's slightly more endangered. And she doesn't even flinch. She's rock 'ard, wor lass. But new endangered species are only the tip of the 'cool new things' iceberg. Tube trains! Kayaks! Laser sights! It's got 'em all!



1 Tigers. Fun to look at. Even better to shoot 2 Kayaks. Fun to look at. Slightly bollocks to row in, actually 3 But we won't hear a word said against the quad bikes 4 And if you can beat our time of 37 seconds on the track at Lara's... 5 Then you should probably be spending less time indoors

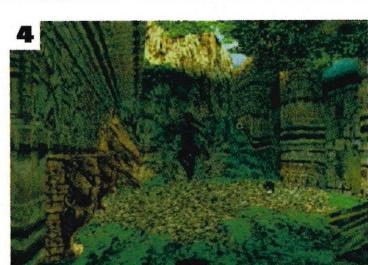
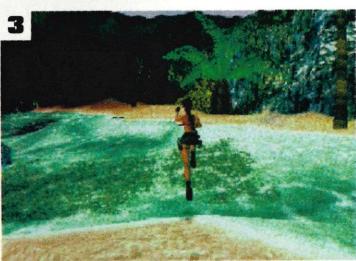
# 'Unhealthily good to play...'

## Lara basics

She turns adolescents' bedsheet into plywood boards with one flick of that majestic ass. She turns tigers into tasteful hearthrugs with one hasty flick of a high-powered semi-auto. But you knew that before. Oh, you didn't? Then welcome to our hastily-put-together guide to the Lara Croft Basics. Learn them well, and they will serve you well.

### Jumps

Someone as top-heavy as our favourite crumpet should only be able to limp forward at crawling pace hunched over her slumping assets, never mind hurling herself around those 40-foot cliff-faces and shit. But Lara's a nimble little minx. In fact, half the time she's bouncing around like someone put a firecracker up her ass. Watch the lady go...



1 Common or garden jump. Bo-ring! 2 Sideways jump. Better 3 Jump and flip round. That's much better 4 Jump, then jump backwards off another rock. Impressive, Mish Moneypenny 5 This lady belongs in the big top

## Secret bits! Funny switches!

The ultimate Tomb Raider player will have the reflexes of a mountain lion and the deductive intelligence of a chess Grandmaster. Why? 'Cos the ability to scour miles of wall for hidden switches and shit is a must. You been warned.



1 Only psychotically anal people would realise that was a switch 2 Would you know you could climb up that waterfall? 3 Plus you'll work out that TR III has a secret level. Yep, a secret level...

## Knockers

You may have noticed Lara is... how shall we say? Absolutely bloody stacked. She lookin' mighty fine in this 'un. With round boobs. But the past? Lara, how did your boobies grow?



■ The young Lara of Tomb Raider I. Innocent...

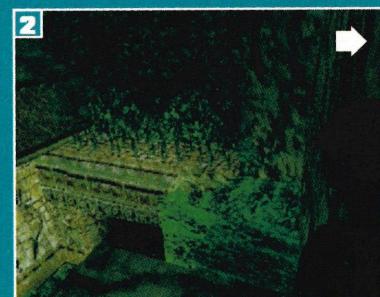
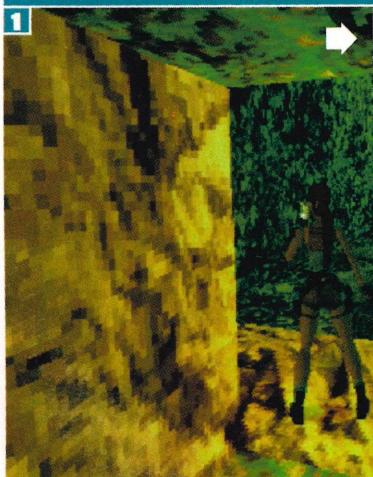
■ TR II: older, wiser, foxier. And even bigger...

■ Not quite big enough. TR III levels provide satisfaction to the most deranged boob fetishist

■ Tomb Raider IV. Artist's impression. Have they gone too far?

## Every inch of the way

What's cool about the all-new Tomb Raider is that you really have to get your teeth into the levels. In the dark days of Tomb Raider II, hot lead was a fitting answer to almost every question. Here, you've got to be thinking about every single bit of the scenery: can you climb it, can you shimmy along it, can you jump it? Sheesh.



1 Getting down big drops is always tricky 2 Hang over the edge. Extend those trademark Croft plimsolls 3 Then decide 'Boolacks to it' and drop down the other side 4 Stay frosty, and you'll eventually reach the ground again. Eventually

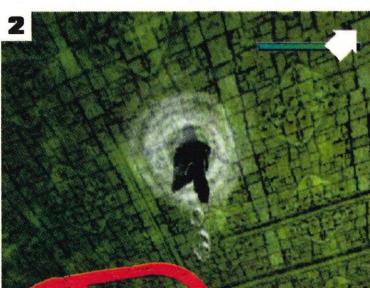
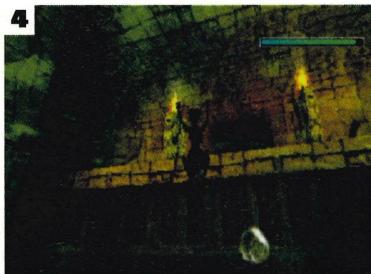
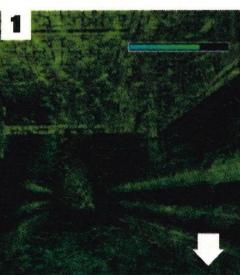


■ Lara models maternity bra, garters and a semi-automatic

# The Works: Tomb Raider III

## The thinking man's poon

If, as you read this review, you find you tend to stop and look at the pretty pictures, while ignoring those nasty words that make your head hurt, you probably shouldn't splash out on Tomb III. Gotta be top of the class for this one. Every level's bleedin' enormous, and you'll need to be able to think your way through endless puzzles to get out. Ouch.



1 Underwater currents raise your blood pressure 2 Especially when you can't get to the levers 3 But stay cunning, and sort it out 4 Just don't go phoning us when you're stuck. We mean it. Honestly

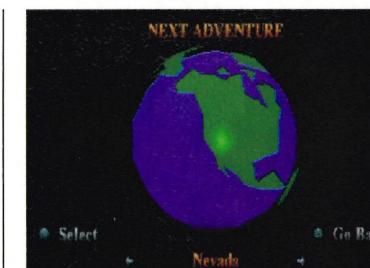
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### We'd like to say...

Tomb I: puzzley. Tomb II: shooty. Tomb III: puzzley-shooty. Y'see, you get the best of both games in this baby. All the brain-bursting riddles that made the first 'un so good, plus all the gung-ho cap-poppin' of the second without the annoying bad guys. A word of warning though - this is tough, so soft-ass pussies need not apply....

## The plot

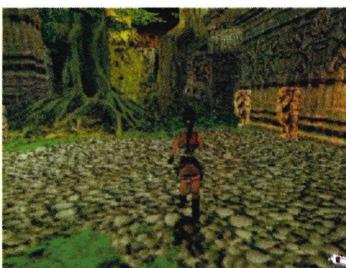
No more of those 'getting stuck in one place' blues for you, young man. See, here you can select between a range of three sets of levels once you get into the game, thus allowing you to be stuck in three places at once. More hair loss! More tooth-grinding rage! Even higher blood-pressure! That's consumer choice for you.



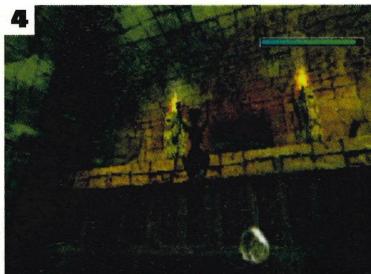
■ World map. See? You get choices



■ Whether to get stuck here...



■ Or here... ■ Oh it's all too difficult. Decisions...



## Vehicles

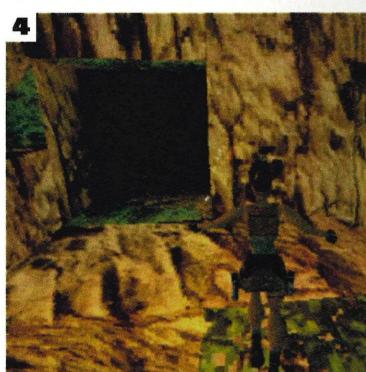
One of the things you're always wondering is what Lara's going to ride in the next Tomb Raider. What's going to be the next hot throbbing thing between her legs. Oh-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha. Chortle! Guffaw! Christ, stop it, you're killing us! Anyway, here's a couple of Lara's new vehicles. Enjoy. Or something.



1 Nice wheels 2 Nice... errrr... paddles 3 But be warned. The kayak control system sucks a big one. Looks nice, but nah...

## Just lever alone!

In Tomb Raider II, you could usually figure how far you'd got through the game by counting the rings on your gun barrels. Machine gun death was where it was at. But that's so 'then'. Now in the glorious new dawn of Tomb III, things've changed. Thinking how to use Lara's massive range of moves to get through tricky puzzle bits is the game. You'll like it.



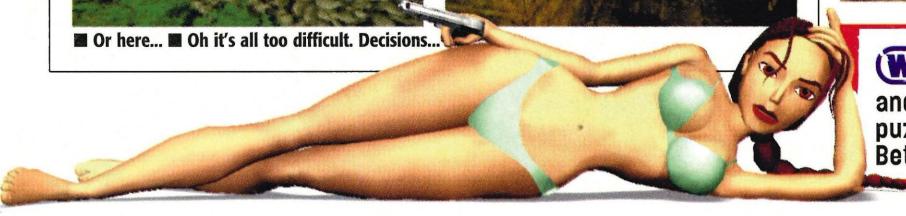
1 Can you shimmy along that bit? 2 Nope... 3 Can you do it there? Surely can 4 Is that within jumping distance? 5 Obviously not. You'll get better, sonny

**winner**

A monster. Absolutely finger-lickin' to look at, and unhealthily good to play. More puzzles, and plenty of murder. Better than before? Almost... Rob

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(If your question is just about games or tips, write to the same address, marking your envelope Q and A. We'll then print an answer in a later edition of PlayStation.)

## THIS TOILET THING AGAIN...

There is not a bog in Resident Evil 2. There is one in Metal Gear Solid though. Plus, why are all the letters in Verbal always so short? **We usually cut the crap out of them. Yours was fine, though. If a bit dull**

Keny316Man@aol.com

## YOU ASK. WE GIVE

Your magazine is the best PlayStation mag out there. But there is one more thing that you could do to make it even better. You may wonder what this is. **Thank you** It's posters. So why don't you? You could have one month where you have a poster of a nice woman. **Like, um, that nice Ksenia. Or that lovely Lara?** Or another month a poster of an advertisement or something like that. Please can you print this because I think other readers will agree with me. If you can't produce posters then why not? A good one to start off with would be Carla Pivonski because she is HOT. **Which is surprising. After all, it's not like she wraps up warm, is it?**

Rob Deane

## CHICKEN LIVER

In reply to a letter in the December issue called 'The Biggest Twat in the World' **It was written by a bloke who hated Gran Turismo, Resident Evil 2 and Metal Gear Solid.**

**Wonder how it got that title?** I would just like to say he is without a doubt a twat and deserves to be locked up in a small room, with no windows and a small black and white TV playing Good Morning with Richard and Judy. **You're a cruel man, Jowser. But wise.**

Jowser

## CRAWLY BUMLICK

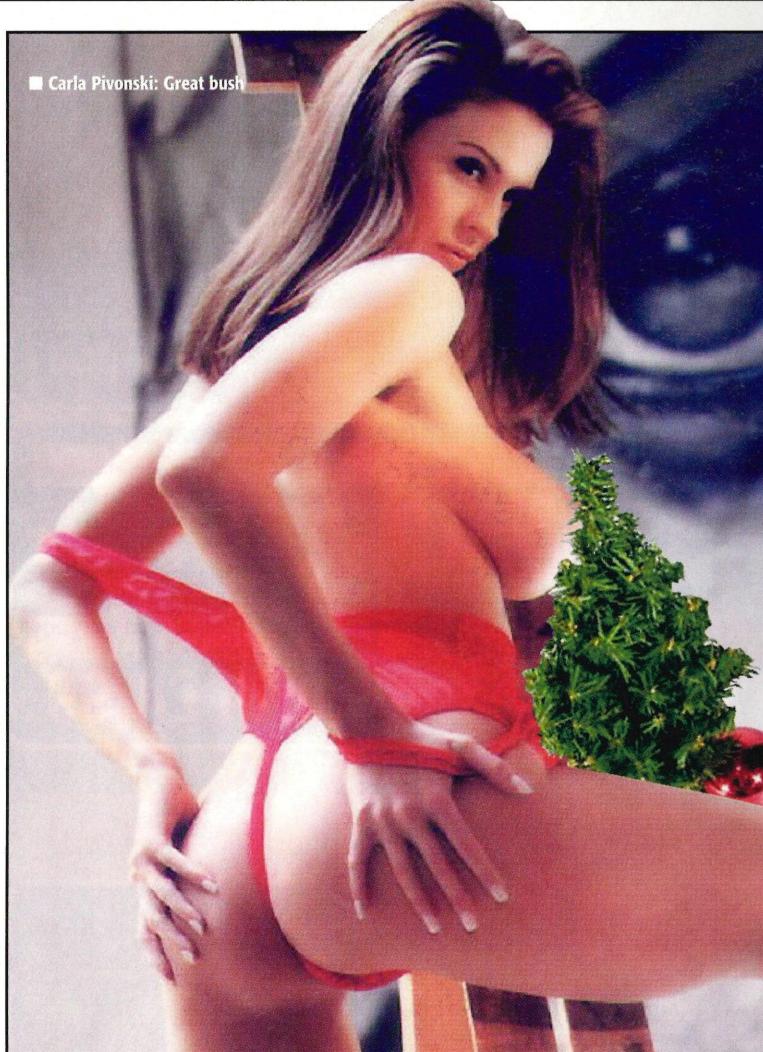
I know it's not usually your policy to give away games but please hear me out... **No, because it's NEVER our policy to give away games, and if you're stupid enough to lend out games to mates who rip you off then you don't deserve our charity anyway**

Kriss Watt, Waterlooville, Portsmouth

PS Keep up the brilliant work on the magazine. It is fantastic and the highlight of my month. I think your reviews are top notch. **Very kind. But still no game**

## GEAR'S BORING!

I've played a demo of Metal Gear Solid – the one that came with ISS Pro 98 – and although it has



some nice touches, it seems bit boring. **Boring! Are you mad? Wait till you play it properly then write in and apologise for wasting our time. In the meantime count yourself lucky we haven't banned you.** Oh yeah! I saw your review of FIFA 99 you arseholes. What's wrong with you? You didn't like Road to World Cup either and that was wicked. **Wicked? Do people still say that, then?**

J, Milton Keynes

## I LOVE SOLID!

I've just finished playing the best game ever, Metal Gear Solid **Yup, it is on point, isn't it?** You can tell everyone they're in for a real treat when it eventually comes out **Goes on to show off by describing boring stuff. But thanks for the letter, Derry. How's the job going?**

Derry, York

## TOO... MUCH... PUNCTUATION

Is there going to be a sequel to Grand Theft Auto??? **Yes. And lay off the question marks** Because I think it is one of the best games ever!!! **So what. And if you use more than one punctuation mark again you get cut. You have been warned** Will it be called Grand Theft Auto II or Grand Theft Auto Strikes Back or even Grand Theft Auto!!! **Right. And don't say we didn't warn you...**

Andrew Sutherland, Argyll, Scotland

## CATHERINE LARA!

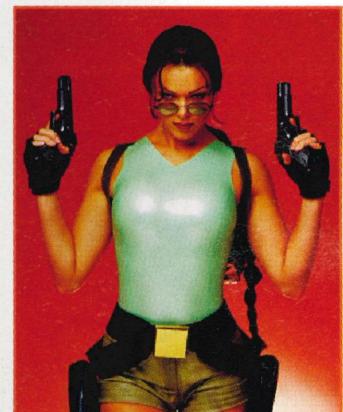
Catherine Zeta Jones from the Mask of Zorro should be Lara in the film **This, dear readers, is the kind of letter we like: short, to the point, no life history, no ridiculous demands and no stupid questions. We love**

## Nell's bells

### Jinglin' baby

Can you show a picture of the new Lara Croft, Nell, as she is quite fit? **Yup, she's down the gym every day is wor Nell**

Jonathan Bilson



## Bulging sack

### Stuff in Santa's sack

#### ■ Don't shorten my letter! Piss off

Luke Rawlinson, Co Kerry, Ireland

Don't shorten this letter or you're gay **Piss off, twat**

Mark Bowler, Co Kerry, Ireland

#### ■ I am English, but I live in Denmark

Robert Ostaszewski, Denmark

I must say again how sorry I am

Dicky B

#### ■ I have something to say

Ashley Ellis, Leeds

I have moved on from poetry

Chris Eastman (ex-poet) Weston-Super-Mare

#### ■ Why is it only ugly girls play PlayStation?

Captain Pugwash, Eastbourne



### you Danny. Love to the family, too

Danny Smith, Co Kerry, Ireland

## HERE FOOL BE

There is nothing wrong with Americans. They helped us in the Gulf. **Think you'll find WE helped THEM in the Gulf.** They have nice cars **Name one, nice food Um, only if you count burgers** and great movies **The word you're looking for is 'films'**

Dan Grubb, Suffolk

## WEIRD BLOKE

I think Sylvester Stallone should play Lara in the movie. **Do you? Bet that makes you a real 'wacky' guy, eh?** I love females, but this would give Sly a wonderful opportunity to show his off his feminine side. **Arf, arf**

Stiff' Martinelli

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## Helicopter head

### Ginger nun spice

Just because you printed the picture again in the December issue, and just because nobody else noticed – don't say it means I'm wrong! You're talking gibberish. Get to the point. Don't you think that nun-type woman out of Rogue Trip is the spit of Ginger Spice. You know I'm right. Of course we do. Give our love to the family, eh?

Alex, London



■ She looks like Ginger Spice, sez Al. So?

## BRY HARD

I am writing to say Bry from Hull is a wanker. Why? 'Cos Bry decided to give the Premiership a good slagging. Have to say you had it coming, Bry. He called every single fan of a Premiership side a glory-seeker, when everybody knows this is a pile of shite. I'm from Liverpool were we don't have shite teams such as Hull. What? Hull aren't from Liverpool? Go on with you... And if he thinks different tell him to go to Anfield with



### BLAST OFF

I'm writing to u to improve the standard of people u have featured in your verbal pages. Most of them r smackheads and wasters who wouldn't know a good game if it jumped up and bit them in the bollocks. They give cheats that don't work, take too long or that we all knew years ago.

**Who rattled your cage? At least most of them can be arsed to spell out the words 'are' and 'you'** The only people who make any sense r those lovely lesbians, teri and zoe. I think u should get them to write a few reviews for u.

Anyway, apart from that your mag is faultless, keep up the good work. How about this: U R getting on R nerves. Y don't U PISS off?

Sam Travis, Manchester

PS Any chance of a pic of Charlie next to my letter? No

## Peace off

### Hannah writes back

**The story so far: Hannah wrote in, said: 'Stop putting pictures of babes in the mag!' Zoe and Teri wrote in, told us they were lesbians and said, 'Shut it, Hannah! We like the babes in the mag!' Then Hannah wrote back and said, 'No, YOU shut it, Zoel!' Then Zoe wrote back and was quite nice. Now...**

Dear Zoe,

Hi. Hannah here. I accept your apologies for your assumption but I also feel that I too should apologise **Now isn't this nice. Our bet is world leaders could learn a thing or two from Hannah.** I understand that what I said was very nasty as I think there's absolutely nothing wrong with being a lesbian. I was only standing up for myself and what I thought was unnecessary – but I was obviously proven wrong.

Good luck to you and Teri in the future. And as for the other lesbians who are trying to outdo you, well you haven't lost my vote in the popularity contest.

Love and peace, Han

this Hull and face the likes of Michael Owen and Paul Ince. **S'right. We'll be sure to tell him next time we see him. Like, never**

Michael, Ian and Mark, Liverpool

## OUR PET CITY FAN

Trust the mardy Villa fans to complain about my previous letter **Mike's a Leicester fan, see** Can't you face it, Alex, or you AV? And let's say this, AV, Emile Heskey is the most dangerous in the premiership **Er, dangerous what, Mike?**

**Dangerous forward, we hope you mean** and Villa's run of luck will dry up soon **it did.**

**Moments after this letter arrived, Liverpool walloped them 4-2** because Villa are shit and City aren't, so don't slag off the best again. **You can always trust football to bring out the logical reasoning in any argument**

Mike, Leicester

## ALIENS AMONG US

Consider yourself 'analysed'...

Pamela Anderson, America

## We make PlayStation

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## We hate Formula 1 98

### New racer gets a kicking



Your report on Formula 1 98 was spot on. The steering is bad and worse with an analogue control pad. I have only one thing to suggest for Formula 1 99: Please, please, please, if the powers that be have any consideration for us racing fans they must let Codemasters **The blokes behind Colin McRae Rally and TOCA to name but two** loose on it now!

I will now have to hibernate in TOCA Touring Cars until my dream is realised. **You're right, of course, Ian. F1 98 is a big floppsy disappointment. Love to the**

**family, hope the flu clears up.**

Ian Bolton, Co Antrim, Ireland

I've finally lost my marbles. I've just paid £37 for Formula 1 98.

David Crane, Suffolk

Formula 1 98 is cack! **Er, we know you didn't actually put that. But what you did write bored us stupid and we thought this was a better way of putting it. Sorry**

Ian Hack, London



## BELLY UP

I just felt it was worth the price of a first class stamp to thank you for the shit-hot picture of Kate Winslet you printed. **No problem. We live to make folks like you happy** Her wonderful belly button will keep me warm during those long, cold winter nights **Cool. You own Kate Winslet's belly button. Our Melanie Sykes belly button is the pride of our office and rumour has it Jenny McCarthy's belly button's doing the rounds, too**

Also, Final Fantasy VII is so shit. It is so boring. I have a life and would rather watch the delightful Cat Deeley with a chilled Miller than spend four hours wanking on some shit game. **Good. Not sure that's a fair comparison, though Only the mentally ill ever spend four hours wanking. And over a game? Maybe this picture of Cat Deeley'll help...**

Dan, Glasgow

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■ OUT FEBRUARY ■ BY PSYGNOSIS ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

## G-Police: Weapons of Justice

You have the right to remain silent. Although you're perfectly free to whimper a little when your torso's perforated with armour-piercing rounds...

**B**ukowski! I'll have your badge for this! The DA's been on my ass all morning! And the Chief of Police has been right up his ass all week! Yup, those police sodomy chains are still going strong in the dark future, and your ass is gonna be busted bad if you don't get out on the streets of Jupiter and thin out the perps by dishing out death penalties like parking tickets...

### You'll never take me alive, G-pig!

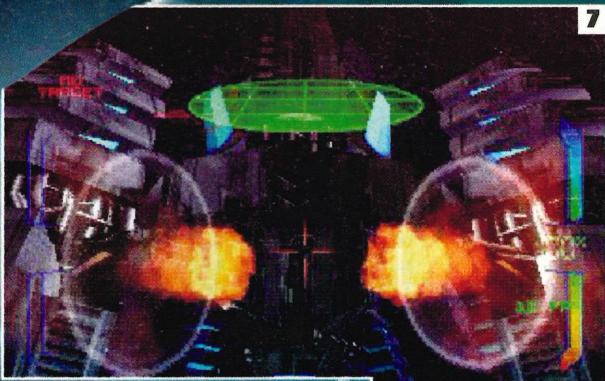
The action takes place either in space, on the streets or above the streets. You've got a selection of tooloed-up meatwagons that float, drive or walk on funny robot legs, and it's just a question of waiting for HQ to tell you which crims need to be nudged towards their permanent retirement. Missions'll vary between

interception-type affairs, defensive efforts, and of course Search and Destroy...

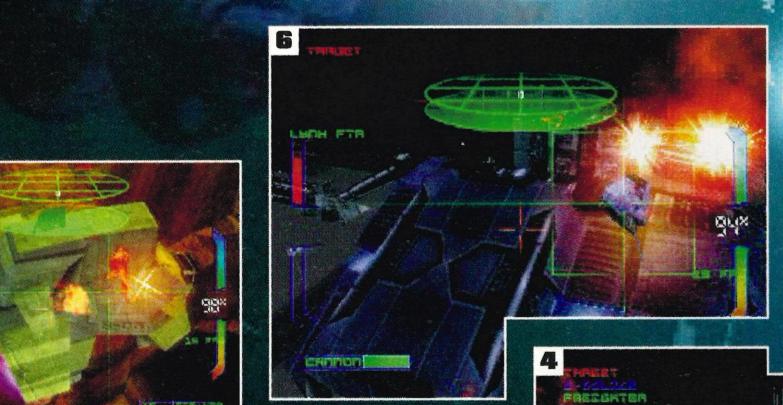
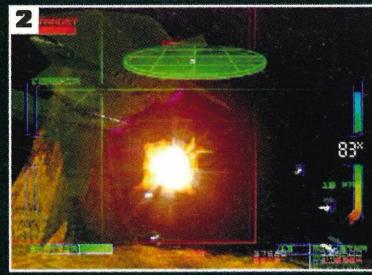
**plus** Showing lots of early promise. And with easier controls, more variety and more vehicles than the first G-Police, this could be a real top turn...



■ Cross roads more carefully in future, perp!



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1 Kill all crims, large or small. You dropped litter? Die 2 Big bombs mean low crime rate 3 See? It's the future of law enforcement 4 A floating lump of steel. Cool 5 Missions in the depths of space complete the picture 6 Then back down to earth. Blast more crims!

■ Cop car with guns. Ideal for community policing

■ Dead, or just severely injured, you're coming with me...

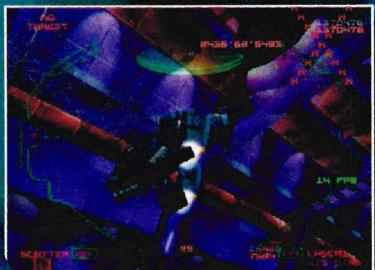
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# 'Dish out death penalties like parking tickets'



■ Big robot with legs! Cool



■ Missiles. Turn shoplifters into meat paste!



■ Heavy cannons. Liquidize burglars – instantly!

■ OUT SPRING ■ BY CODEMASTERS ■ PLAYERS 1-8 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

# Prince Naseem Boxing

Pull up a ringside seat for the official Naz boxing game.

**W**e're gonna lay our balls on the line here: boxing games are usually crap. Boxing isn't a sport that works well as a game. But does this stop El Programmer from churning out another? Does it bollocks.

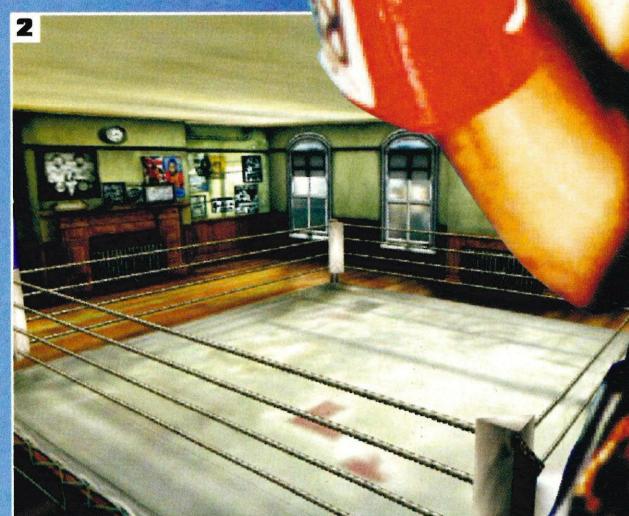
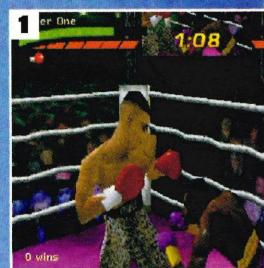
### My name is Prince...

This one's Prince Naseem Boxing, the official game of the little upstart who happens to be WBO Featherweight Champion. It's got the usual punches and combinations, and boasts an impressive number of gameplay options. In the arcade mode you take on 16 international boxers, or you could beat up your mates in the eight-player game.

### And I'm a monkey

Most intriguing is the world game mode, an insight into boxing management. You determine your fighter's training regime and resting, while setting up fights. A bit like a Tamagotchi. But with Naz.

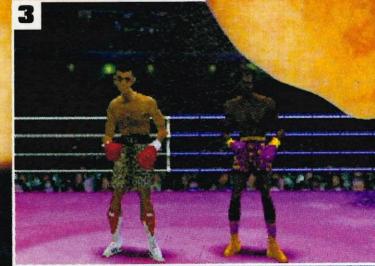
*We're parked firmly on the fence for this one. Sounds like a winner, but our heads tell us boxing games are always crap. Time will tell...*



1 Here's the placid young man himself 2 Here's his ring... snigger  
3 Skinny little geezer, isn't he? 4 Brain hurtage seems certain



- A decent boxing game?
- Surely not
- There are loadsa different fighters
- And shiitoads of options





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The logo for Crash Bandicoot 3: Warped. It features the word "CRASH" in large yellow letters with a red outline, "BANDICOOT" in smaller red letters inside the "A", and "WARPED" in red letters at the bottom. The letters are set against a background of a cracked, yellowish surface.

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■ OUT SPRING ■ BY ACTIVISION ■ PLAYERS 1-4  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, LINK-UP

## Quake II

They said it couldn't be done. They lied.

Largely regarded as one of the greatest videogames of all time, Quake II is finally coming to the PlayStation. Yup. If further proof is needed, then check out the first ever bona fide PlayStation screen shots on this very page. Then cack your pants.

### Time to die

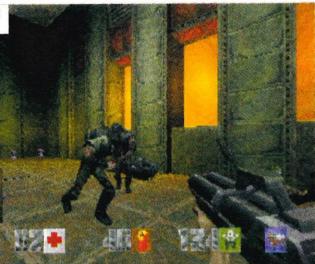
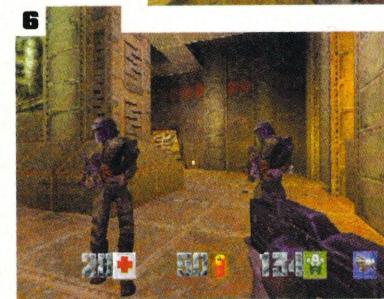
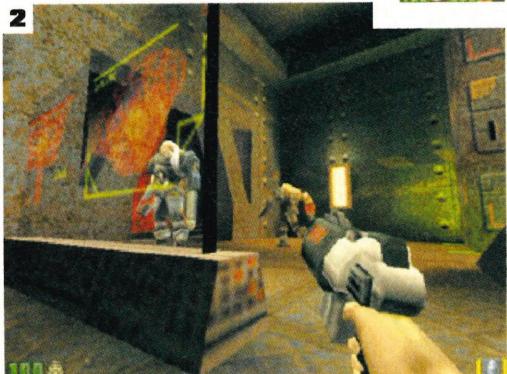
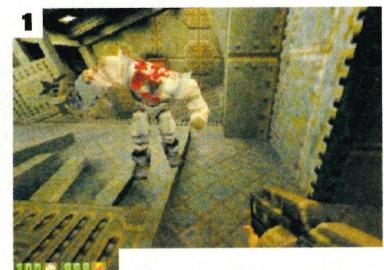
In case you've been in a coma for the last couple of years and missed out on the whole phenomenon, Quake II is the ultra-realistic futuristic blaster that's been giving PC owners many a sleepless night. Run around enormous 3D levels collecting ever more powerful weapons and using them to blast anything that so much as moves. That's about as complicated as it gets.

### Bring a friend

'Course the real reason why Quake II is so massively popular is down to the multiplayer

Death Matches, which you'll be pleased to know have made it to the long-overdue PlayStation version. Two players can blast the shit out of each other on the split-screen Death Match, or if you've got a link-up cable, two 'Stations, two tellys and two games, you can have some mad four-player games. Tops.

**PLUS** Quake II has the potential to be THE PlayStation game of next year. This is definitely one to watch out for.



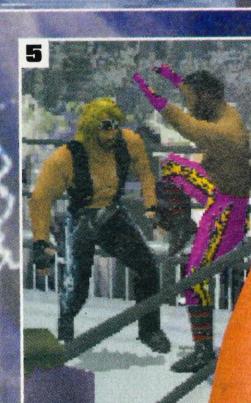
- 1 Looks well smart
- 2 Almost as good as the PC version in fact
- 3 There are loads of weapons...
- 4 And plenty of gore
- 5 You're gonna shoot your load over this
- 6 Nuke 'em!
- 7 We can't wait!

This is gonna be the one to watch out for next year

■ OUT JANUARY ■ BY THQ ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

## WCW vs NWO Thunder

Wrestling games sell by the bucketload. We weep for mankind, we really do

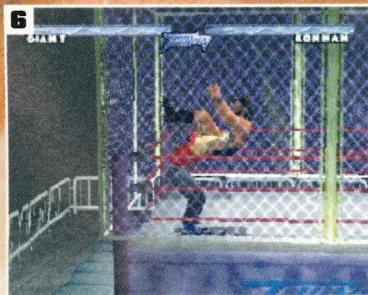
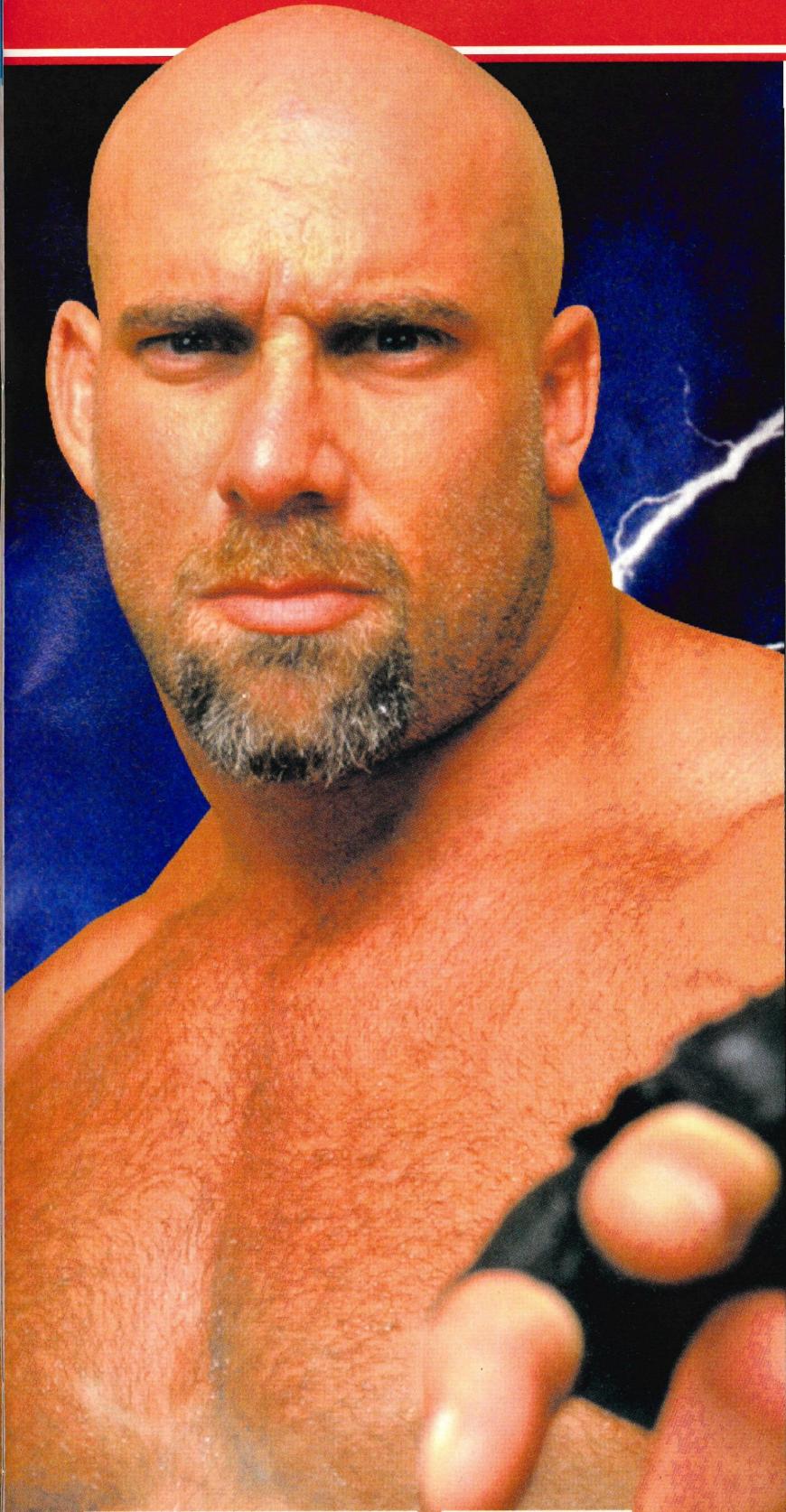


Cheese! With a side-order of... errr... more cheese. Topped with cheese. And garnished with yet more cheese. Yup, those cuddly man-mountains are coming back to the 'Station, and everybody in Britain who's owned a satellite dish for more than ten years will feel a strange compulsion to go out and buy this. As will everybody who owns more than one shell-suit. Beats us.

### Powerbomb!

All your 'favourites' are in here – the Undertaker, Rowdy Roddy Piper, Macho Man Randy Savage, Mr Steroid, Trailer Trash Man, Robbie the Retard – all the champs. And they're armed with all the 'Powerbombs!' and 'Piledrivers!' you've come to expect. And as you can see, the graphics are sweet. The gameplay? Early days. We reserve judgement.

**PLUS** Not a WWF Warzone-beater at the moment, but you never know how these things could change...

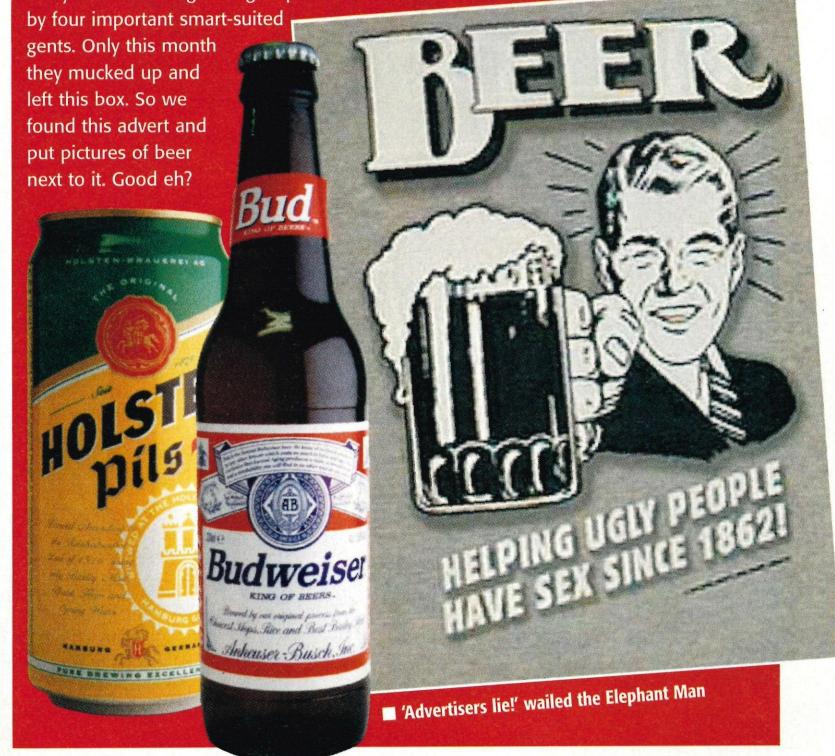


1 Macho Man struts his stuff 2 Throw random objects at each other with such panache 3 But hey. They give good bodyslam 4 No graphics can convey how many life-threatening bodybuilding drugs this man takes 5 Or how small and pointy this man's head is 6 Bloat! Inflate! Twat! Bok! Heart failure! 7 It's another bloated mountain of steroid-pumped flesh

## Space filler

### Crikey! An empty bit to fill

Every issue this magazine gets planned by four important smart-suited gents. Only this month they mucked up and left this box. So we found this advert and put pictures of beer next to it. Good eh?



■ 'Advertisers lie!' wailed the Elephant Man

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# Trap Runner

Hear that ticking? This one's about to go nuclear...

**Y**our mission in this one is to progress through a whole load of levels using bombs, traps and even hand-to-hand combat. The aim? To destroy the different opponents who also happen to be explosive experts. Think it sounds simple? Well, there's more to it than just blowing up everything in sight. You've got different traps to lay, defuse and avoid, plus all the different characters to fight and fend off.

### Mister bomb-bastic

The real bugger though is each players' traps and bombs are completely invisible to the opponent. Good if you're doing the setting,

bad if you're not. So this one is going to be harder to get into than a so-called secret Iraqi missile silo.

### All the trappings

The options allow you to face off against the computer or head-to-head with a mate, plus there's a mad mission mode where you've gotta nuke through ten levels. Big, blasting, bomb-bastic action.

**KOOL AND THE GANG**  
The mission mode's Kool and the Gang, but to be honest, we ain't so sure about the head-to-head mode just yet. We'll let you know real soon...



■ Bodice ripping was Kim's favourite pastime



■ Chess with TNT was fun...



■ If a little frustrating...



■ Losers were always sore



1 So you're running around laying traps in a split-screen kind of style 2 When some other bastard decides he's going to do the same 3 Making for some pretty explosive action 4 With dynamite, shrapnel and plastic explosives everywhere 5 And just to add to your problems this gal's packing as well 6 So bugger off and find her... 7 And blow her to bits... 8 Victory! As Kate Moss would say



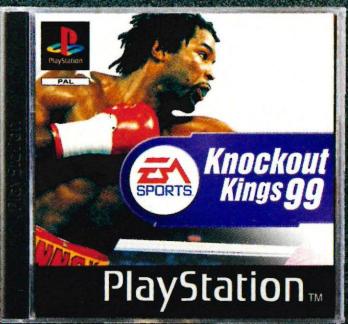
■ Cindy's new hairstyle just would not calm down



■ Harry was no more than a flash in the pan

# EAT LEATHER

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**twix** Gamesplayer of the year challenge

# OOH AAH WINNAAHS!

The place: Virgin Megastore, London. The event: **twix** Gamesplayer of the Year...



**A**nother year, another exciting play-off in the TWIX Gamesplayer of the Year competition. Would Rajesh stay the reigning champ? Or would some other bloke with bionic thumbs nick it from him? Let's find out...

## Gran final

Thassright, the TWIX Gamesplayer of the Year competition was as hotly contended as ever when eight gamers (whittled down from hundreds of entries) went at it hammer and tongs on Gran Turismo.



You'd have needed a surgical chainsaw to cut the tension in there...



## Rising champ

First, the news you been waiting for. We have a new champ! Rajesh Fatainia has finally been knocked off his perch. Major props to Stuart Morrison for coolly dispatching Rajesh in the semi-final stage and then going on to win in a heart-in-mouth final against Jon Hickman.

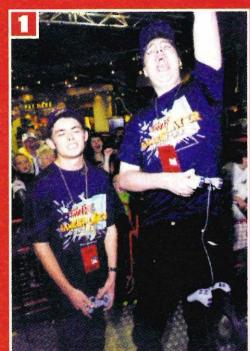


1 Stuart dispatches Richard Morris 2 Yep, it's THAT semi-final, a repeat of last year's final as Rajesh and Stuart go head-to-head



## Grand Prize

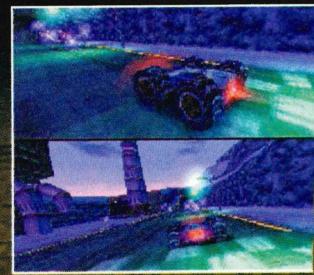
For his efforts, Stuart swiped £1,000 worth of software for his PlayStation and all the other folk involved got their hands on a load of TWIX. If you want to get that kind of golden opportunity, keep your eyes peeled for next year's heats.



1 We have a winnah! Stuart pips Jon Hickman at the post 2 And snaffles a grand's worth of gear

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■ Looking damn post apocalyptic there

# Rollcage

What d'ya get when you cross a tractor with a formula one car? Carnage, that's what.

You're at a T-junction: do you wait for a gap in the traffic, check your mirrors and pull out? Probably. But if you want to get ahead in Rollcage, you put the pedal to the metal, steam out, smash anything in your way and drive up a wall. Simple, really.

#### Emergency stop

The basic rule of Rollcage is to treat everyone as 'the enemy' – they must be destroyed at all costs. This will involve ramming them off the road, shooting them, blowing them up and smashing buildings and the like all over them. In fact, you can be as creative as you like, as long as you get the job done.

#### Road rage

The cars – if you could call them that – are some impressive pieces of kit, they've got massive tyres and diddy little bodies. It's like putting Mad Max and Death Race 2000 in a test tube, exposing them to radiation and adding a touch of steroids: they're not exactly your average runaround. Add to this a dash of kick-ass firepower and you're talking fun, fun, fun, on the autobahn.

**It looks like there's going to be fast 'n' furious fun to be had when this baby hits our shores. Racing and explosions? Could be our favourite cocktail...**



■ Big wheels means big damage, means big fun



■ Careful on that corner ■ Head down dirty drivin' ■ Your ass is mine, believe it to be true



# Kensei: Sacred Fist

Beat 'em up? You couldn't beat your meat.

**update**

Another day goes by, another PlayStation beat 'em up arrives in the office. This one's Ken Sei: Sacred Fist, a top new fighter which looks set to pack quite a punch when it's released early next year.

## Kick-ass kung-fu

So why splash out on this? For starters the graphics are well tasty, the fighters look sharp, backgrounds are pretty decent and the special effects are way cool. There's plenty of chopsocky action on offer, with 22 brawlers to fight with, shitloads of bone-crunching moves and loads of gameplay modes to keep you occupied for a fair while.

## Go ape-shit

Controls are slightly different with a counter button adding a tactical twist, allowing you to block and counter anything the other geezer throws at you with a swift kick in the bollocks. 'Course, it requires a fair amount of practice and precision-timing to do properly, but the respect and admiration you'll get

from your mates is going to make it well worth the effort.

**plus** *It certainly looks the business, but we'll have to see if it's going to be a contender for top PlayStation beat 'em up...*



■ Yup. That'll be the arm dislocated then



1 A Steven Seagal lookalike gets whupped 2 That's gonna hurt 3 Counter with a swift uppercut 4 'Ride it baby, yeah' 5 Chopsocky action to go 6 Cool special effects 7 Spectacular moves are tricky to pull off 8 Night time lighting is way cool

'Block with a swift kick to the bollocks'



■ 'Arse over tit' springs to mind



■ Looks a bit like Tekken 3, doesn't it?

■ OUT SPRING ■ BY SONY ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# Tribal

Tig, tig, tig. Boom!

**T**ribal is a futuristic game of tag. Correction. It's a futuristic game of 'tig', the correct, British pronunciation of this time-honoured game. And in the future, tig (God that feels good) is a hyper-violent affair involving rather a lot of flag-capturing, power-ups and much more high-powered weaponry than you probably use in your own home games of tig. That's tig, not 'tag', mind. And make sure you tell your friends.

**Plus** Probably not going to be a real knee-trembler. But if you're a massive fan of tig, you might go bananas. Well, hey, anything's possible, right?



■ No, it's just your standard lamp ■ That'll be tiggy in the middle ■ Still using the 'tag' word? So last season. Non-U. Really, do keep up. Please

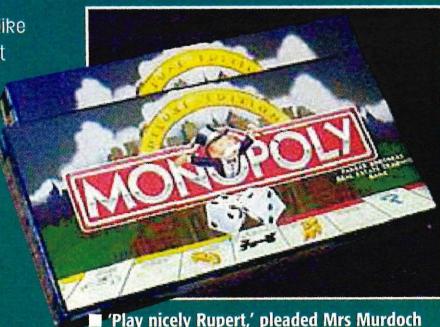
## Christmas survival

### Meet the family

Christmas and games go together like Jayne Middlemiss and stupidity. But there'd be no point challenging Auntie Vera to a game of Tekken 3, she'll have downed her joypad by the second round muttering something about new-fangled electrics. Get out some old skool board games. But if you could pick your opponents, who'd they be?

#### Cluedo

Who killed Mrs Scarlet in the drawing room? Tricky... if you want a professional's point of view look no further than Rose West.



■ 'Play nicely Rupert,' pleaded Mrs Murdoch

#### Monopoly

If only it was real money. Still with Rupert Murdoch as a player you'll probably find yourself a victim of a hostile take-over.

#### Risk

Global domination, the stuff of dreams, but to win who'd you have in your corner? It's got to be Saddam Hussein. What a man, what a tash.



■ Frank Spencer copied his look you know

#### Twister

Obviously baby oil's optional. As to who'd raise the most groans as an opponent, one name springs to mind - Kate Winslet.

# Gex 4: Deep Cover Gecko

Tongues firmly in cheeks. The PlayStation's most ironic reptile is back...

**L**izards. Devious little bastards who give it all of that with their colour-changing 'now you see me, now you don't' nonsense. 'Course, that doesn't help them none when Mankind moves in with the cropdusters and bulldozers, but hey.

Gex, though, is a lizard who's taken the disguise schtick that bit further. Pirate Gex, Cowboy Gex, Sherlock Gex. This is one shifty ass reptilian platform supremo...

### Clever-clever irony alert!

Hot damn! The many guises of that louche lizard! They're just so topical! See, with Gex, what the lads have done is spice up the basic platform shebang with lots of über-witty

cultural references. There's 1,000 wisecracks, loadsa film-inspired touches and a Baywatch beauty strutting her stuff. There's even a Saving Private Gex level. No news of Schindler's Lizard, though...

### Back again, new and improved!

But it ain't just a question of putting a new gloss on the same old same old. There's all sorts of new stuff for Gex to get his scales around too: horses to ride, fireballs to shoot, tanks to drive, and scubas to... errr... scuba...

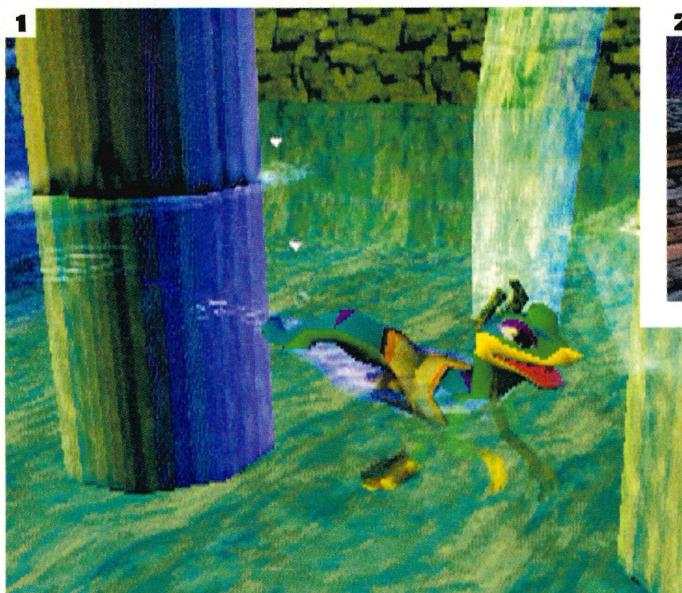
**plus** *Gex 3 was a platform peach. And with more funny bits, more film bits, more one-liners, this 'un could kick butt.*



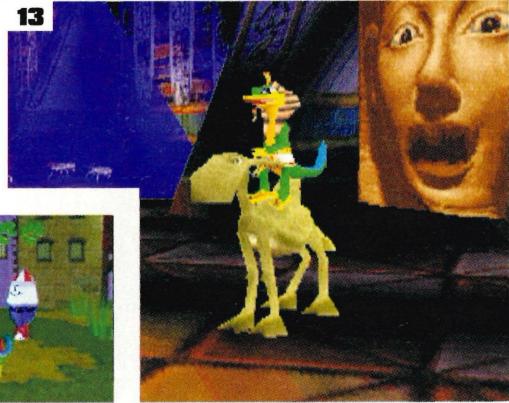
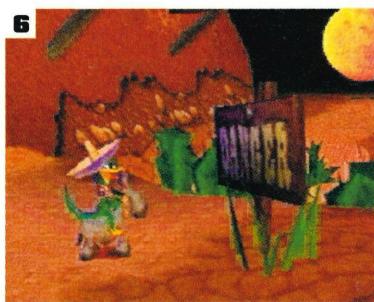
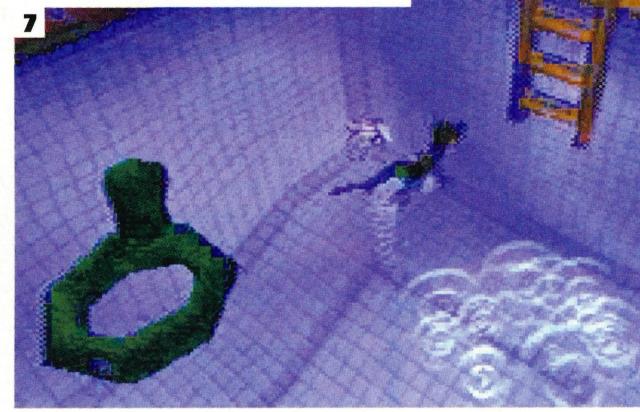
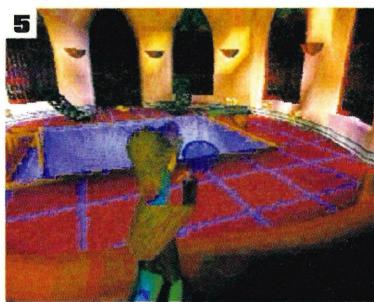
■ Ninja nymphs go kung-fu krazy. Gex is unamused



■ Jesus. What an outfit



1 Now Gex can swim 2 And drive tanks. Innee clever? 3 Wise Gex sneaks past the gigantic geezer 4 He's behiiind you! 5 Sherlock Holmes goes swimming 6 Cowboy Gex with horsey 7 Gex goes swimming for us again 8 Egyptian Gex. Can't say pharaoh than that 9 Gex swore he'd lay off the hallucinogens 10 For good 11 Gex with boat 12 And with car 13 And with camel. Gex is on top





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■ OUT SPRING ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# Poy Poy 2

Rock around the clock tonight

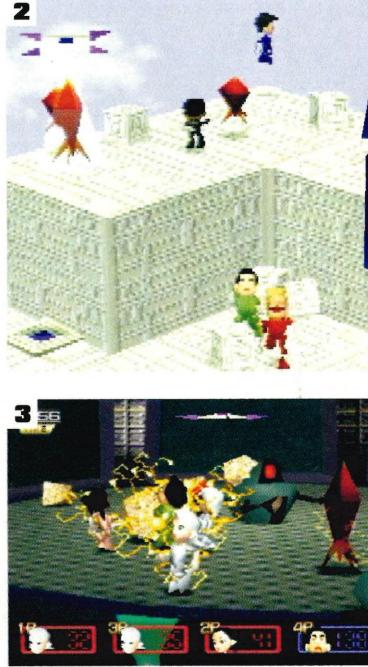
**S**ticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me. It's a good thing the Poy Poy lads tend to skip the verbiage, then. Because this is one no-holds-barred rock-chucking-fest as a whole posse of them little cutesy fellas go bone-cracking crazy...

### Get your rocks off!

So what's new for Poy Poy numero dos? Well, there are more rocks and stuff to chuck around for a start, as well as all sorts of new hazards and shit. Including one highly browned-off Tyrannosaurus. Ouch.



1 Throw rocks. Kill folks. It just gets better and better.



2 Take rock. Throw rock. Hurt, maim and disable your chums.



3 But this time, the arenas are going to have a touch more zip

4 With ball-busting power-ups scattered all over the shop, the fine sport of rock-chucking's lookin' a sight better...

## Beaver patrol

The hunt for Crofty's toosh continues...

Last month Men Only said they wouldn't photograph Lara nude. So we flicked through the phone book to ask Mr Croft if his daughter would strip for us.

PlayStation Person: Hello?  
Hello? Oh bollocks...

Uncaring machine: You've reached the Croft household. Unfortunately, there's nobody here to take your call. Please leave a message after the tone.

Later...

PSP Person: Hello,  
is Ms Croft in?

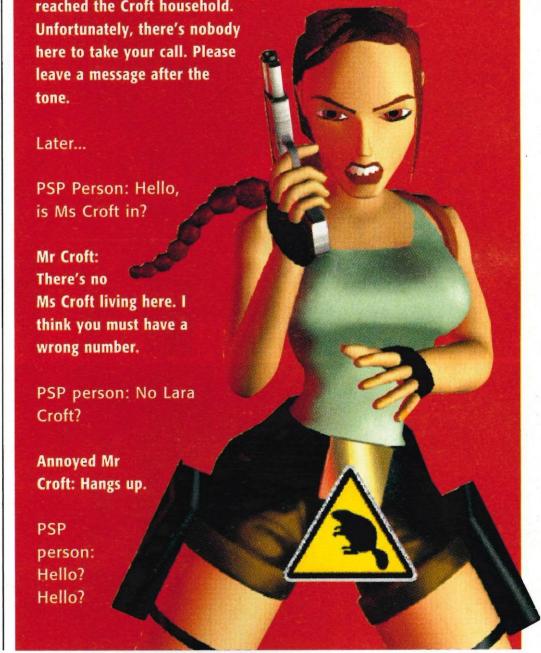
Mr Croft:  
There's no  
Ms Croft living here. I  
think you must have a  
wrong number.

PSP person: No Lara  
Croft?

Annoyed Mr  
Croft: Hangs up.

PSP  
person:  
Hello?  
Hello?

Next month! We cease  
harassing the innocent and  
work out where she  
REALLY lives...



■ OUT SUMMER 99 ■ BY TAKE 2 ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# Rainbow Six

You're deep undercover. Pulse's going like a freight train. Make a decision. Now!!

**T**he days of mindless shoot 'em ups are almost numbered... games these days are all about planning and clinical execution. Gun-toting bravado will only get you so far. If proof were needed take Rainbow Six, forthcoming SAS sim. A game that demands guile, cunning and nerves of steel. Synchronise watches.

### The little details

You're in charge of planning missions: looking over maps, weighing up the options, even deciding what equipment to use, and what to wear. There's so much to worry

about it's a relief to find out you don't have to make your crack team's packed lunch.

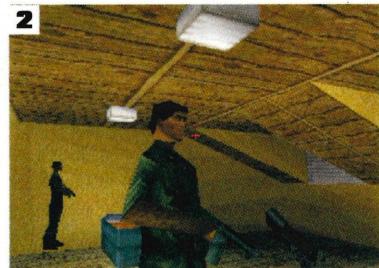
### Doing the biz

Missions range from killing evil drug barons to saving kidnapped embassy officials - SAS ops basically, minus Andy McNabb. Once in there're two camera angles, either from the character's perspective or looking on. Cool kit includes night goggles and heartbeat sensor which in anyone's language spells kickass.

1 Looking like it could be a sure-fire winner, we'll keep you posted.



1 First up, a spot of recce 2 This man doesn't know it's his last breath 3 This is known as an aggressive door policy 4 Five o'clock shadow is in no way optional





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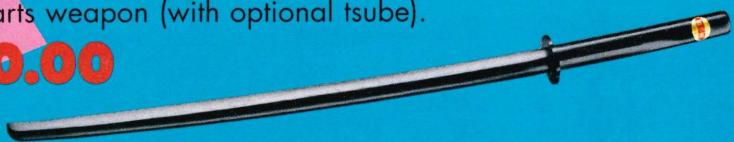
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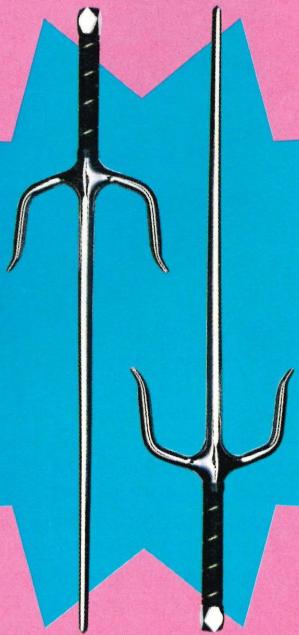


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■ Win this competition, get your mate to buy another car and then you can race him. Cool, eh?



■ No seriously, it really is a mini Mini



■ Shit! You've left the paint behind!



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■ OUT SUMMER ■ BY SONY

## X-Games Pro Boarder

**B**egin flexing your fingers for those air guitar moments. X-Games Pro Boarder's coming and it's toolled with an ultra-greasy cock-rock soundtrack which features funny-smelling longhairs like the Foo Fighters. And once you've limbered up those

digits, there're plenty of tricks to get to grips with: an eye-popping number of modes to fiddle with, and more realism than we've ever seen in any snowboarding effort. This looks like it'll wipe the floor with the competition. No fooling.



■ It's got a bigger, badder tricks system than any 'Station snowboard effort before ■ See? See? What did we tell you? ■ We're sure there are laws of physics that forbid this kind of thing...

## Street Sk8er

■ Out: Summer ■ By: EA

**E**ver fancied skateboarding, but then discovered you've got a real aversion to the company of sulky, pubescent boys who hang around subways? Smart lad. Wait up, though. Street Sk8er's coming, and it's guaranteed sulky twat-free. Cool. And with stunts and tricks a go go, street racing and freestyle stunt courses, this is looking like it could be a goer...



■ Radical, dude. And not in any way 'gnarly'

## Release dates

These're are the dates we've been told. But we can't guarantee them...

RELEASED	REVIEWED
24 DECEMBER	Tiger Woods 99
31 DECEMBER	Crash Bandicoot 3
	89% Jan
	Eliminator
	Libero Grande
	Pro Pinball Big Race USA
	NFL Extreme 99
15 JANUARY	
	Max Power Racing
	Kensei
	Divers Dream
	Shaolin
	Trap Runner
	Wing Over 2



■ Crash Bandicoot 3: Tearing around like a mad thing crashing into a load of crates...



■ Max Power Racing: Tearing around crashing into a load of cars instead...

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## Glover

### Glover

■ Out: Spring ■ By: Hasbro

Glover, the disembodied hand who wields a mean beach ball is coming. Yup, you read that right. Expect lotsa kooky platforming and puzzling action. Joy!



■ Take ball. Throw ball at enemy. Repeat

## Goemon

■ Out: March ■ By: Konami

**H**e's a ninja. A mystical ninja, no less. Goemon's a kind of Robin Hood from the Land of the Rising Sun, except without the revolting taste in green hosiery. He's hitting



■ Spiky-haired geeza gives it all of that...

'Station in a few months time in a kind of platforming/role-playing effort. Goemon's already been on the N64, and it was pretty damn fine, so we've got high hopes...



■ You what? No spikka Japanesey, you savvy?

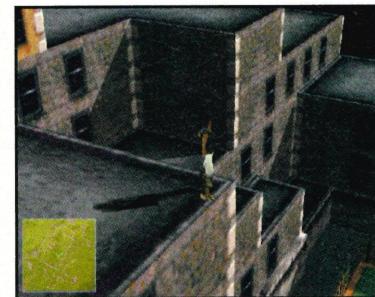
## Urban Chaos

**Y**up. It's urban. And it's got chaos in it. Dark sci-fi action's the name of the game with this 3D action-adventure effort, where you're Tomb Raiding in a bleak



■ Mmmmm-hmm. It sho' is urban

future world filled with fog. Lots of fog. Which swirls in what we're promised is a cool you-never-seen-fog-do-this-before way. A way off yet, but looking hot to trot.



■ And look! Some chaos is about to happen!



## Samurai Legends

■ Out: June ■ By: Konami

This one's on a 'Resident Evil with Samurai swords' tip. Blood-soaked 3D shit with atmos to go, this'll chop you dead before you can say 'Shogun'.



■ Much blood. Happy, happy

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## Gran Turismo 2 nears completion

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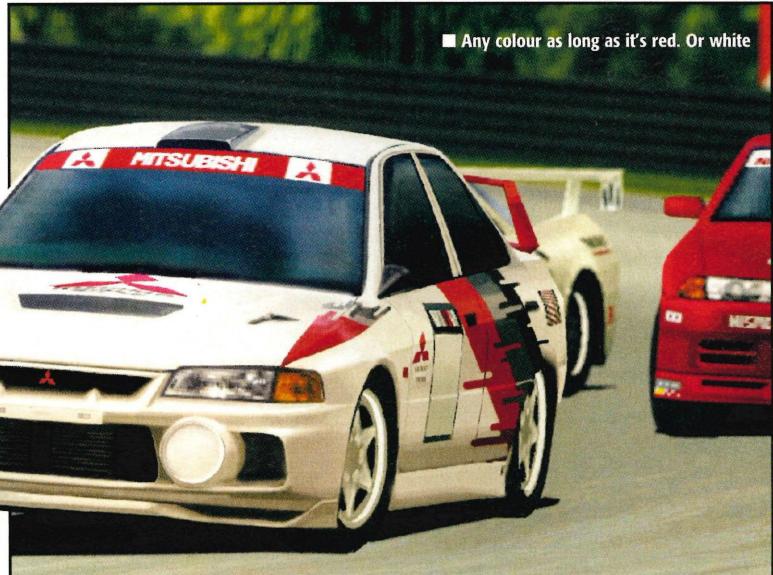
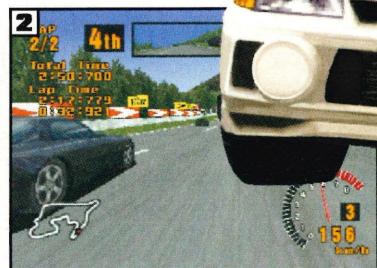
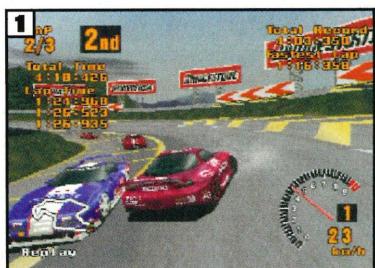
Sources close to Sony indicate the highly-anticipated sequel to top racer Gran Turismo is nearing completion. Gran Turismo 2's developer, Polyphony, is putting the finishing touches to the game, which includes many new gameplay features not present in the original. 0

### Loadsa new stuff

New features rumoured for the sequel are an off-road racing option and an even wider

selection of cars. Previously Porsche and Ferrari had refused to allow their cars to be used, but now they look certain to feature in the sequel. The game will allow players to flip and roll vehicles – which manufacturers hate – in addition to being able to inflict a limited amount of damage to the cars.

Gran Turismo 2 is due for release in Japan next spring, with a UK release pencilled in for late next summer.



■ Any colour as long as it's red. Or white

1 The top-notch speed and spills of Gran Turismo (version one) look set to be included 2 As well as new cars to drive, new tracks to drive them on and new accidents to be avoiding. But wait for it...

## PlayStation 2 rumours

Latest news on new Sony machine

The gaming world has been awash this month with rumours of PlayStation 2.

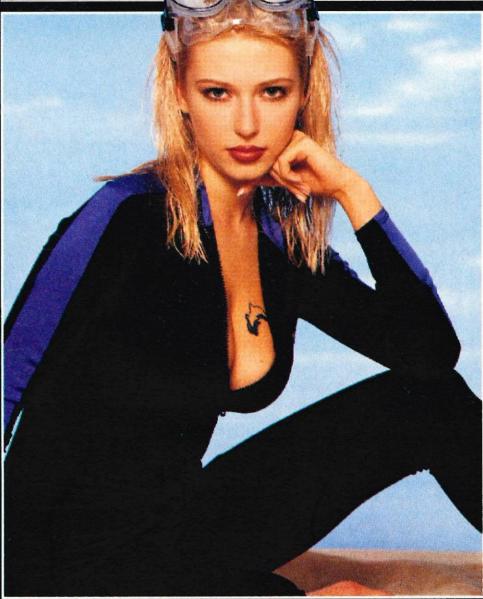
According to sources in Japan, Toshiba Electronics is working on a powerful new chip to power Sony's next gaming machine. Backwards compatibility is a possibility, allowing you to play existing PlayStation games on it, and it could play DVDs – the latest digital films. Toshiba and Sony look set to make a full announcement next February.

The name? It's unlikely to be PlayStation 2,

because this lacks the marketing oomph Sony needs to sell the console. But, Sony wants to capitalise on the PlayStation brand, and reports suggest it is referred to internally as PlayStation 2000, PlayBase and even PlayBox.

Sources also say the system will not be ready in 1999. The reason being Sony has yet to decide if the machine will be a dedicated games console, or a multi-purpose machine. An early 2000 release now seems likely.

## Russian beauty makes us moist



■ Get your tats out meant something totally different in Russia

Wondering who the scantily-clad chick on this month's double-sided free poster is? Well it's Ksenia, the 17 year-old promotional babe for the forthcoming PlayStation underwater thriller, Divers Dream.

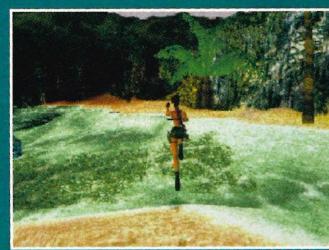
Hopefully we'll be seeing a lot more of the stunning Russian beauty between now and March, when the promising Divers Dream is finally released.



■ Fave album? The Bends

### PULLING POWER

■ Early indications suggest that Tomb Raider III will become the biggest selling game of the year, beating the likes of Final Fantasy VII, Tekken 3 and Gran Turismo. This comes as somewhat of a relief for publisher Eidos, who were worried the Lara hype machine had begun to bore the arse off the UK gamers. A figure of 30,000 sales of Tomb Raider III on its release day alone has been suggested, with thousands likely more to follow around Christmas.

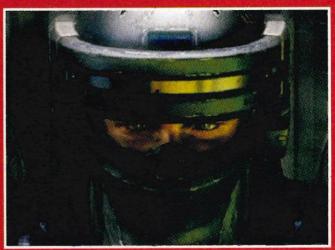


■ Lara's Jesus impression was a wow

### FILM FANTASY

■ An early screenshot of the computer generated Final Fantasy movie has found its way on to Square's website. The movie isn't due out until summer 2001, but a small amount of screenshots (one pictured below) are posted in the recruitment section of the site. Most intriguing.

The film is currently in production on the island of Hawaii and is set on Earth in the Year 2065. Square has signed a deal with Columbia Pictures for the film's distribution.

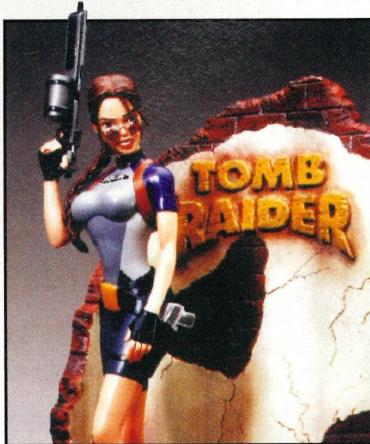


■ Mrs Zorro let nothing go to waste

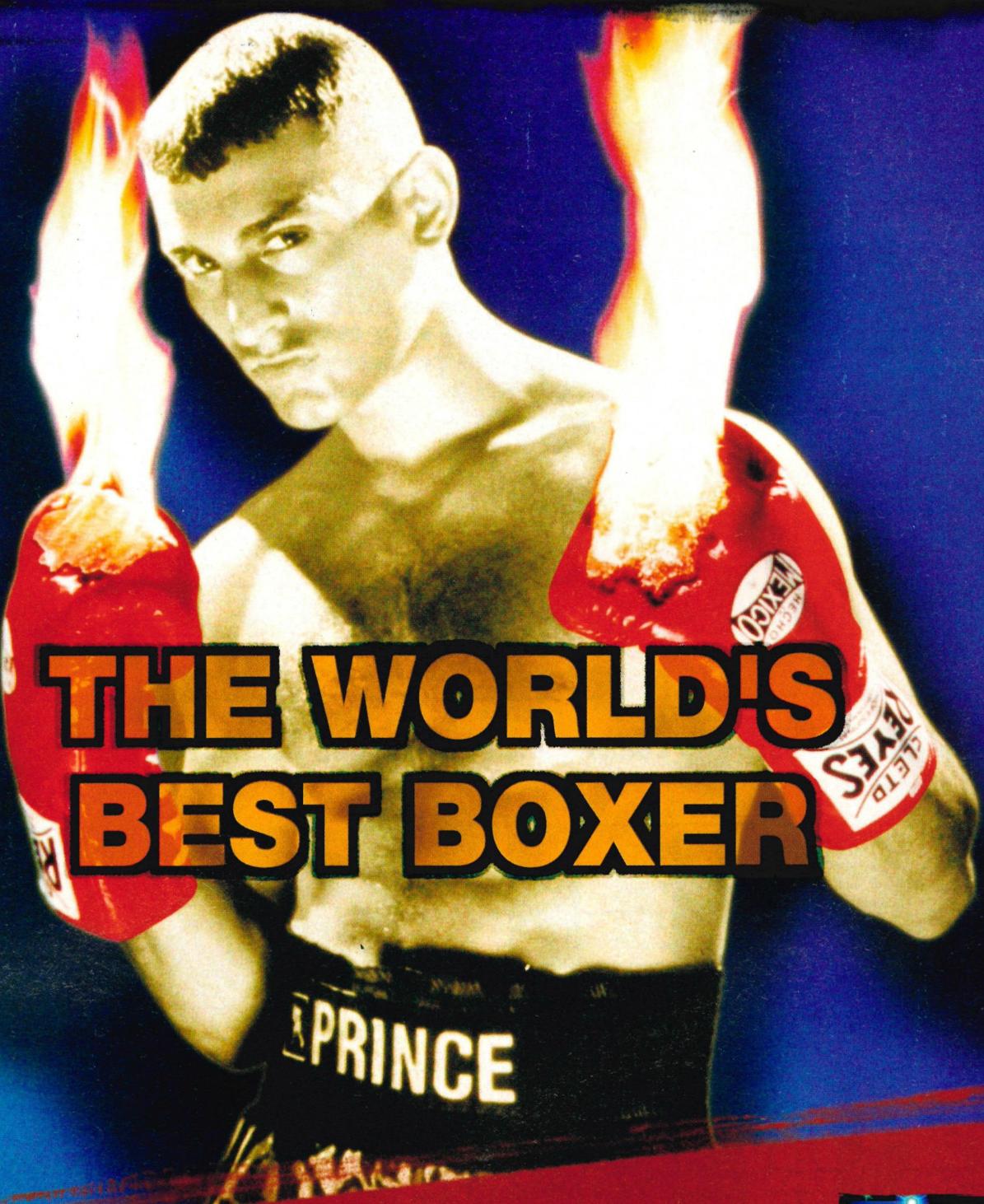
## Lara action figures

More Tomb Raider stuff

Planned to coincide with the launch of Tomb Raider III, Eidos has just announced toy manufacturer Playmates Toys are to release a range of Lara Croft action figures. The first 9" figure will be available before Christmas and features Lara in slinky scuba gear. The second figure will be out in March, with Lara modelling her original outfit. Both figures will retail at around £16.99 each.



■ Expect graffiti Lara sometime next spring



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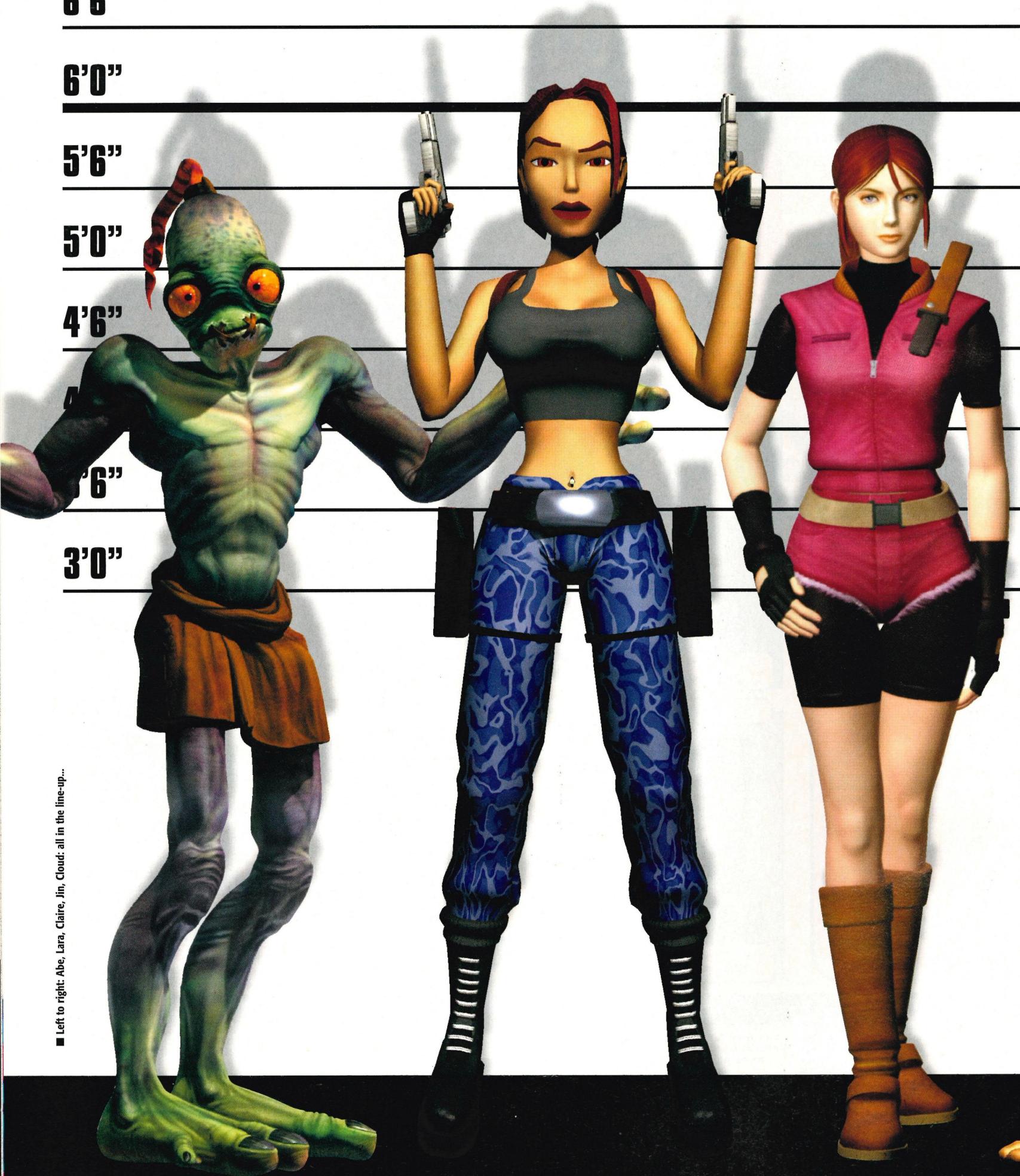
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■ Left to right: Abe, Lara, Claire, Jin, Cloud: all in the line-up...

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# THE USUAL SUSPECTS

You've been voting for your favourite games for months and finally the results of the Reader Poll have been counted. Quit the speculation, let's find out what you think are the best 50 PlayStation games ever made... »

# READER POLL: Best 50 games ever!

## 50: FORMULA 1

'You can smell the burning rubber.' David Hart, Cornwall.

## 49: ALIEN TRILOGY

'It's just spooky enough to do it.' Mark Holmes, Surrey.

## 48: GEX 3D

'More snap than Rice Crispies, top graphics.' Christopher Knight, Lancs.

## 47: RESIDENT EVIL DIRECTOR'S CUT

'Essential for all zombie killers.' Shaun McCaulay, Edinburgh.

## 46: METAL GEAR SOLID

'Bond. Creeping, throat-slitting espionage action.' Travis Aitken, Northants.

## 45: MICRO MACHINES V3

'Beer, mates and this.' Robert Finnie, Coventry

## 44: MEDIEVIL

'Kill the demons, kill the demons.' Mary Magdalene, Middle East.

## 43: STREETFIGHTER EX PLUS ALPHA

'Fighting people, especially friends, is good.' Simon Frazzel, Leeds.

## 42: FORMULA 1 98

'Speed, and more speed.' Tony Fletcher, Herts.

## 41: CRASH BANDICOOT

'You've got to have a platform game. And this is the best.' Mark Chamberlain, Norwich.

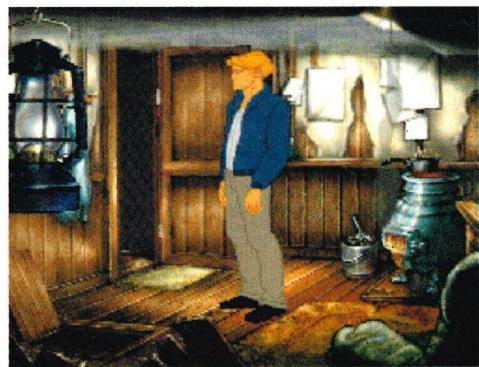
## 39. Broken Sword 2

Puzzle mania. With added silky panties

More puzzles than Russell Grant's got chins. Isn't easy, but we do love a challenge. What marks this out is the puzzles' obscurity. You wonder who makes this stuff.

'More fun than a sticky bun.' Rob Murfin, Sheffield.

Hmm quite.



■ Face it, George. Your haircut belongs in Kay's catalogue

## 38. Worms

Nobody likes me. Everybody hates me

Take turns in bombing the hell out of other worms and scarring the landscape. To get the best out of this battle you need a few mates and a brewery. And, judging by our readers they sussed that out pretty quick.

'If you can't kill your mates playing this, when can you?' Dominic West, W. Sussex.



■ Worms. Looks like shit, plays sweeter than sweetness itself



## 40. Dead or Alive

Women with excitable puppies down their tops fight it out. Pass us the tissues...

One helluva beat 'em up that combined sharp-as-a-pin graphics with thundering counter-moves and cool ass characters. What seemed to really swing

plenty of front, oh no.

'Tit wobble.' Greg Chambers, Lancs.  
Cheers lads, saved us from saying it.

**'Excellent fighter with added bouncing boobs'** Daniel Bell, N. Yorks

it though was the heady brew of added chest bounce, which — surprise, surprise — went down like a storm in a D-cup. You can't say we're not swayed by a game with



1 Action Man slugs it out with busty Barbie 2 Flip kicks make girls chests go wibble-wobble. So we've heard 3 Bum-bashing frolics

## 37. Destruction Derby 2

Drink! Drive! Kill!

Drive around, smash into other cars whilst moving really fast. Improves on the first by having wider tracks and faster cars. Armchair road rage that'll cost you only 20 nicker. Best tackled blind drunk.

'Excellent, and cool the way the cars smash.' Lee Thorn, Somerset.



■ Ooh crikey. Just feel those insurance premiums soar

## 36. G-Police

**Don't commit your hate crimes here, pig!**

Helicopters, guns and cops blast 'em up set far, far away. It's a shoot first, ask questions never type of thing. Amazing graphics slightly ruined by a control system apparently designed by an amputee holding a grudge against abled-bodied gamers.

*'Once mastered you can easily impress friends.'* Stuart Collins, Manchester.

*'So many elements in one game, tricky but gripping.'* Nick O'Neill, London.



■ Crims! They're everywhere!



■ Death penalties all round...

## 35. C&C: Retaliation

**The commies are coming. Kill! Kill 'em all!**

There aren't any Russki commies any more but that doesn't stop a legion of would-be generals from operating in the European theatre. This is a strategic thinkathon that'll probably spawn a whole generation of little Napoleons.

*'I love war. And to be superior.'* James Downer, West Glamorgan.

*'Everyone loves the smell of napalm.'* Simon Parsons, Leicester.



■ Communist filth. Death's too good for 'em

## 34. Bust-a-Move 2

**Bubbles. Not the 'kind to hands' variety...**

Cute-ass characters combine with brain-shredding puzzles, producing addiction that makes heroin dependency tame. May look a bit one-dimensional but it's got winner tattooed on its arse.

*'It's something me and my partner can do together and both get enjoyment out of.'* Maria Salt, Lancs.

Not much cop in bed is he?



■ Yeah. Eat shit, y'twat



■ Bust 'em. Bust 'em good

## 33. Actua Soccer 2

**Fancy a slice of slick soccer skills?**

There're plenty of footy sims in the top 50, this is one that combines head-turning looks, come to bed gameplay and the chance of four-up with your mates. All this makes it come in the cream of the crop.

*'Smooth and playable.'* Mark Chamberlain, Norwich.

*'Oozes sheer class.'* Robbie Davey, Yorks.



■ Tasty, nourishing football action. With added Barry Davies

## 32. World League Soccer

**The Han Solo of footy games. Cool...**

We sure do dig our footy sims, and this one is in a league of its own (groan). Wicked gameplay and lush graphics, who could ask for more?

*'It breaks my heart to turn it off.'* Alan Calderwood, Fife.



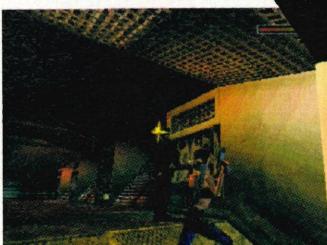
■ Looks not so fine. Plays very fine. Indeed

## 31. Tomb Raider III

**Lara finally shows us her gibbon. And it smells good...**

**Y**ep the women who just loves sequels wades, jumps, crouches, shoots and dashes in only weeks after the release of her new game. Best of the first two, plus a whole heap more keeps the punters begging for more. Can anyone stop her.?

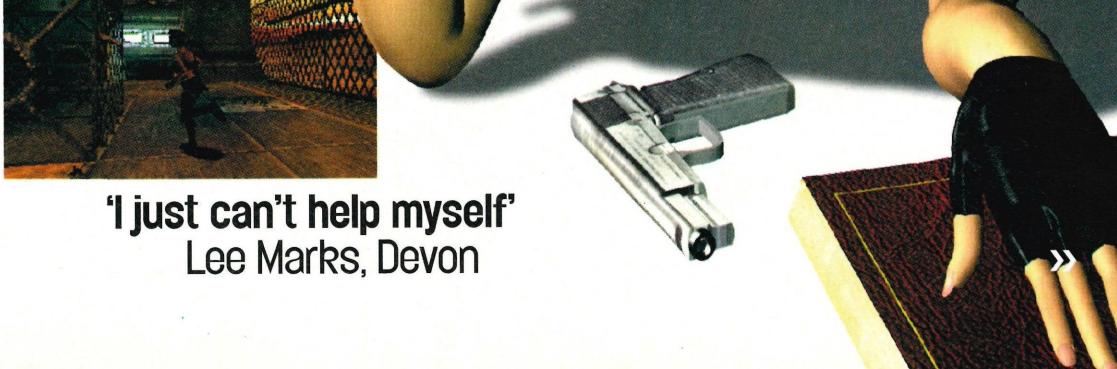
*'It's got everything, including gibbons you can slaughter – perfect.'* Sian Harper.



■ Stay frosty, Crofty. Kill! Kill! Kill!



**'I just can't help myself'**  
Lee Marks, Devon



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## 30. V-Rally

Timeless quality in a twenty quid package. Mug someone to buy it if you must...

**B**ack in the dawn of time V-Rally swept onto the scene. Punters 'oohed' at the handling and gameplay, and 'aaahed' at the crystal-clear graphics and spectacular winding tracks. Todgers the

length and breadth of the land went to attention with a loud 'sproing'. A year on, and it's still worth at least a semi. Not quite up to Mr C McRae's effort, but it still is a balls-out blast...



1 Hit the skids 2 A-Team stunt action! 3 White's in this season 4 Two-wheel shit! 5 And more!



'Better than dirty sex. Sometimes'  
Adam Powell, Carlisle

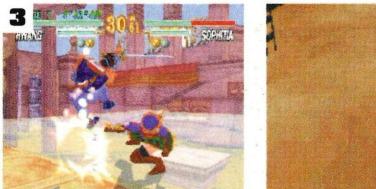
## 27. Soul Blade

Razor-sharp chop 'em up that still cuts the mustard...

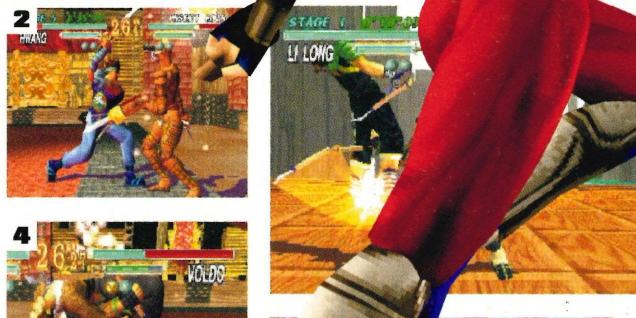
**C**hop for breakfast, slice for lunch and a nice helping of maim for tea. Yup. It's sharp-edged weapon death a go-go as a posse of Dungeons and Dragons-ites take to the ring all armed to the teeth with

an unnecessarily large selection of swords, clubs, sharp sticks and other means of causing pain. Despite being a tad easy, it's a scorcher nonetheless...

'Psychos with swords. Superb'  
Richard Huett, Edinburgh



1 No, honestly. It's just a flesh wound 2 Have at you, you bounder!  
3 High-velocity fist in groin. Family jewels devalue rapidly 4 Sword in the guts. Can cause extreme pain, we've heard 5 As can this. Really



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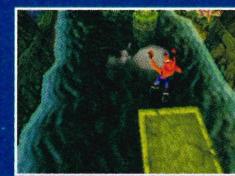


## 29. Crash Bandicoot 2

King of Le Crunch Bunch bounces back

More high-speed platform action from the king of all things apple-related. With loads more levels, and a snazzy selection of new things for the marsupial with the mostest to be doing, this sequel really went for the burn. A top turn.

'He's more orange than ever before!' Sadie Joseph, Portsmouth



■ Ooh. What a palaver

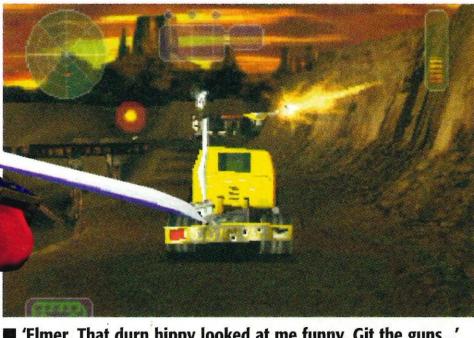
■ More palavers ensue

## 28. Vigilante 8

It's hicks with dicks!

Cars. With huge guns strapped on to 'em. With redneck pointy-headed trailer-trash driving 'em. Sounds good? You're durn tootin' it does. This 'un's the best 'Station cars and guns blaster by a long chalk.

'Top arcade shoot 'em up.' Eoghan Murphy, Dublin



■ 'Elmer. That durn hippy looked at me funny. Git the guns...'

## 26. Cool Boarders 2

Snow joke. Snot funny

Snowboarding types go bonkers for this effort. And with a piss-simple system that lets you pull off funny-named tricks with unnatural ease, and a big bagload of cool tracks, you'd have to be a bit of an odd chap for it not to make you feel a bit funny too. Oh yes you would.

'A 'cool' game that looks and plays boiling hot.' Matt Jackson, Nottingham



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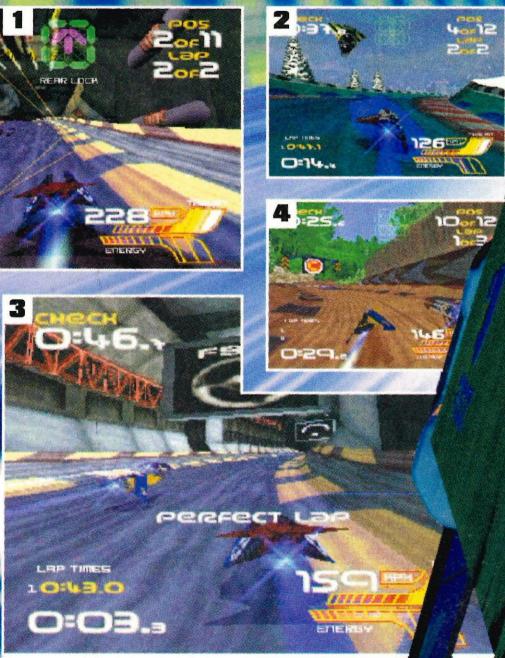
## 25. WipEout 2097

Flashy racer with a side order of 'crucial dance cuts'. We'll have two, please.

**I**t's a racer. Set in the future. With funny hovering triangle things. And why's it in the future? Because in the future, Technological Progress will allow triangles to travel Very Fast Indeed. And shoot each

other. Lots.

*'It's got the Prodigy in it, innit?' Dave Wilson, Borders*



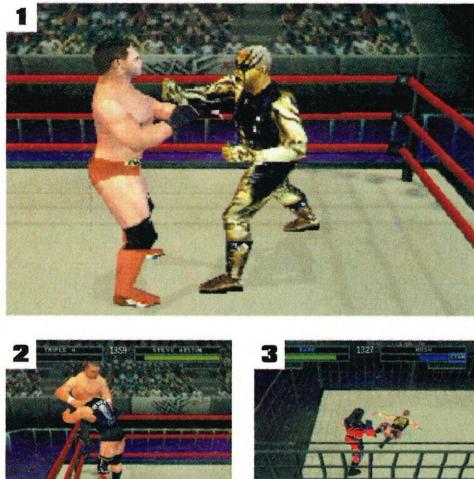
**10-60 in 4.8 microseconds. And the gas mileage is very good too, we hear** **2 Faster! Faster!** **3 No, faster than that...** **4 Aah. That's better**

## 24. WWF Warzone

Oiled dicks in the ring!

Fat, oiled oafs pounce around in briefs that highlight the disastrous effect that steroid dosage has on the male genitalia. That's entertainment! This 'un's the slickest 'Station wrestler by far, with all your fave oafs and a mondo cool 'Create Your Own Oaf' mode...

*'Beat the shit out of fat Yanks.'* Mike MacNamara, London



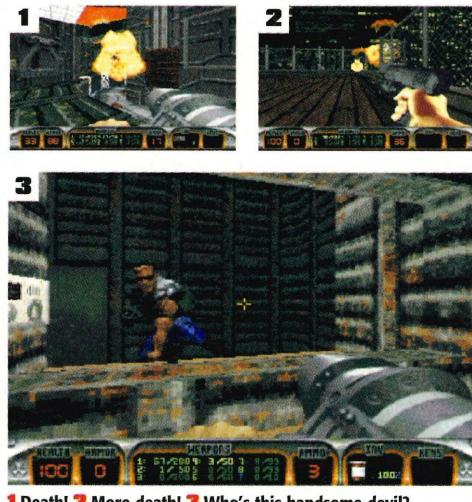
**1 Oof! 2 Piledriver! 3 No. That red costume just doesn't suit**

## 23. Duke Nukem

Guns, gore and gals!

'Dose alien bastids gotta pay for shootin' up my ride.' Yup, it's killing, maiming, dismemberment, mild pornography and... the immortal wit of the Duke, le Roi de Fromage. Top-notch 3D shoot 'em up with a whiff of cheddar. And gore to go. Cool.

*'STRIPPERS!', Ben Chambers, deranged bloke, Lancs*



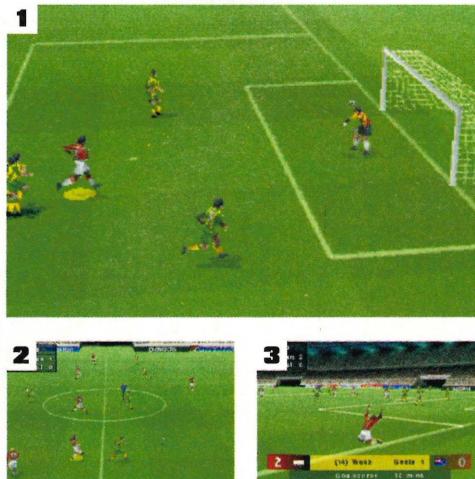
**1 Death! 2 More death! 3 Who's this handsome devil?**

## 22. FIFA: RTWC

Oldie, for sure. Goldie? Perhaps not...

FIFA update that covers the qualifiers for the World Cup. Sold by the shit-load. RTWC stinks of bollocks slightly less than previous FIFA efforts, but there's still a whiff of scrote about it. 12-0 scorelines? Gissa break...

*'England-Argentina 14-2. Eng-er-land! Eng-er-land!', Ian Giles, London*



**1 Goal! 2 Another goal! 3 And another! Uuuuh... I'll get me coat**

**Alex worried he hadn't used enough Turtle Wax on the bonnet. First impressions count, y'know**

## 21. Formula 1 97

Murray Walker saps our will to live. Again

The first Formula 1 was pretty tasty. But Formula 1 98 was about as appetising as Barbara Cartland on heat. And the piggy in the middle, Mr 97? Bleedin' cordon bleu. Pin-sharp graphics, top handling and gameplay. A complete beast.

*'More fun than running over Dale Winton at high speed.'*

Robert Kent, Derby



■ The Murrayisms come out



■ The 'No Murray' switch. Ah

## 20. World Cup 98

Doofus footy hits the spot

The playground kickaround of 'Station footy games. Well easy to pick up and have a bash, but about as deep and meaningful as Eastenders. A blast to play, and numbnuts-friendly, but my don't their little legs look funny as they run around...

*'Piss-easy to play.'* Neil Carden, Wisbech



■ Easy! Almost too easy



■ But still a dazzler, mind

## 18. Premier Manager 98

Hull City for the cup? You better believe it, ya bastards!

Mondo cool footy management game. Plenty to fiddle with, but a couple of bits that stink. The fact you can't watch the match while changing strategy and shit

rates highly on the crudometer...

*'At least Man City win once a season.'*

Darren Wood, Kent

### 'Stuff Man U, Alex Ferguson and Spice Boy'

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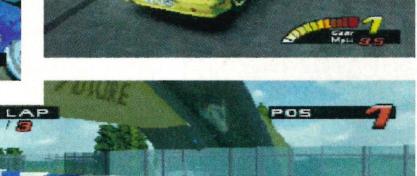
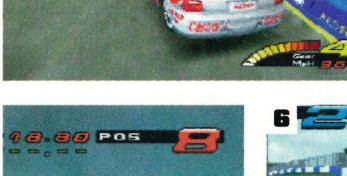
1 It's all in the details, innit? 2 Victory is assured 3 Goalmouth action 4 More details 5 Yet more

## 19. TOCA Touring Car

More touring cars than you can shake a gearstick at. I should coco.

**D**oesn't really look the business, but plays like a multi-national business with offices in most major European cities. Ultra-realistic handling, and all the real TOCA cars. And courses. And shit. A total beezer. And only twenty nicker.

*'Looks shit. Plays like the real shit.'* Roy Koruth, Manchester



■ Snow makes it all very tricky. But hey. Nice flakes

1 Skree! 2 Vroom! 3 Roar! 4 Nice sound effects, huh? 5 And the handling's plenty tasty 6 Two-player's multo groovy too

## 17. Doom

Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!

The first game to give you in-depth lessons in the anatomies of the baddies you were greasing. It's got guts, guns, satanic references and dingy underground shitholes with demons in. Everything that makes boys happy, in fact. Looks old, but still shit-hot.

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1 Flaming skulls... 2 Demons... 3 And floaty tomato things with teeth. Go get 'em, Tiger!

'It's a game to play, anytime of the day'  
Andrew Devereux, Birmingham

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## 16. Point Blank

Look! A pussycat! Kill! Kill!

Shoot your load into cute furry animals without running the risk of public humiliation. Yep, this classic arcade blaster may look a bit kiddy, but the trigger-happy cartoon chaos'll sort out the men from the boys. It's frustrating, bird-killing, bee-hating madness.

'Fun and not too serious.' Michael Harris, Dorset

'I like killing bunnies.' Tim Hannan, Wiltshire



■ Grrrr. Those bees. It makes me humung mad

## 15. C&C: Red Alert

The joy of war crimes

You get to harvest valuable minerals. You get to build a base. And manufacture weapons. Then find the enemy and go and wup some commie ass. It all may sound simple enough, but this time around they've decided to up the difficulty setting for Red Alert. Which all together makes it one mighty tough and challenging strategy war game.

'The machinery is stunning.' Chris Fyvie, Strathclyde



■ On your Marx. Get set. Slaughter!

## 14. Tekken 2

Feisty fist fest. With knobs on

Scientifically proven to be the most brutal and utterly fantastic beat 'em up on the face of the planet... until the third game in the series, Tekken 3, came along. This top brawler has got the lot – tons of fighters to choose from, shitloads of bone-crunching moves and smart graphics. At a wallet-friendly twenty quid, it's a blinding effort that every self-respecting PlayStation owner should have in their collection.

'Gouge, pummel, lacerate.' Steve Evans, Mid Glamorgan

'There's nothing better than kicking the shit outta your mates.' Mark Chamberlain, Norwich



■ Uppercut to the chops. Pain means gain, daddio

## 13. Time Crisis

Look at those bright-coloured jumpsuits. They deserve death.

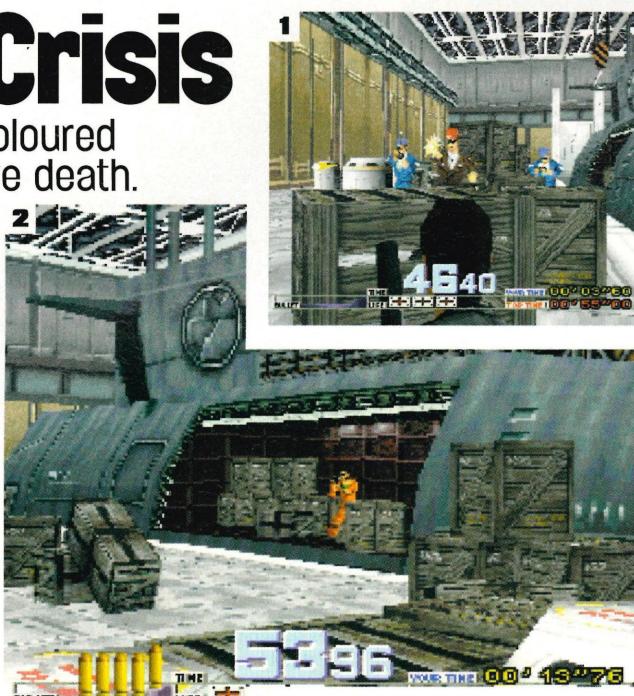
Tarantino-style shoot 'em up action... without the blood and gore. It's costly 'cos it's packaged with the G-Con45 light gun, but it's perfect for venting those megalomaniacal tendencies. Now there's a long word.

'I've had a social crisis since I bought this.' Daniel Spiers, Lancashire

'Realistic baddy blaster.' Philip Heath, West Yorkshire



■ Blam! 2 Blam! 3 Ka-chow! 4 Blam! 5 Reload, stand up, and it... 6 Blam! 7 Blam!



■ Die, suited flunkys!

## 12. ISS Pro 98

Footy made sim-ple

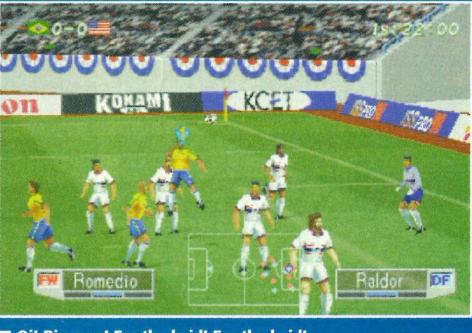
The closest thing to the beautiful game itself. Only you can be a real fat bastid and still be good at it. It ain't gotta licence, but the fast and tactical gameplay, realistic animation and slick graphics make it the ultimate 'Station kickabout.'

'Even though the programmers are dyslexic, it's a top footy game.' Daniel Spiers, Lancashire

'As good as a curry.' Kieran Harris, Essex



■ Yeah. You better cover your sorry groins, bitches



■ Oi! Big man! For the head! For the head!

## 11. Abe's Oddysee

Green boned ponce hits the bigtime

Toilet humour rules the world, meaning if you got a platformer and want to make it a winner, just get the main character to fart — it worked for Abe. Still to be fair Abe's Oddysee had the good fortune to be an ace platformer game anyway.

*'Ultra-funny platformer with bags of gameplay.'* Thomas Longstaff, Manchester

*'Whistle, burp, fart, boom!'* John Haynes, Essex



■ That elegant Abe jump in full. Very svelte



■ Abe's mates were green at the sight of his turquoise skin

## 9. Grand Theft Auto

The Seven Deadly Sins. On wheels

Any game that boasts the moral worth of the Tory party is gonna win quite a few fans down PlayStation Street. You know that stealing cars, delivering drugs and cop killing will float the boat, even if the graphics are as dog ugly as Gail Tilsley after a bender.

*'More addictive than Pringles.'* Robert Finnie, Coventry

*'Blood, violence and offensive language. Great!'* Liam Morfitt, Hull



■ The entire cast of Police Academy found themselves mercilessly ground into the tarmac. They knew the risks

## 10. Resident Evil

Al fresco dismemberment for only £20. You missed it? Gutted, mate.

The game that spawned a truck load of imitators — and an army of fans — all eager to feast on a high-calorie diet of shock horror zombie fest action. Graphics to make your trousers suddenly shrink, gameplay to make your hands drip with salty sweat, and game length to see you well into middle age.

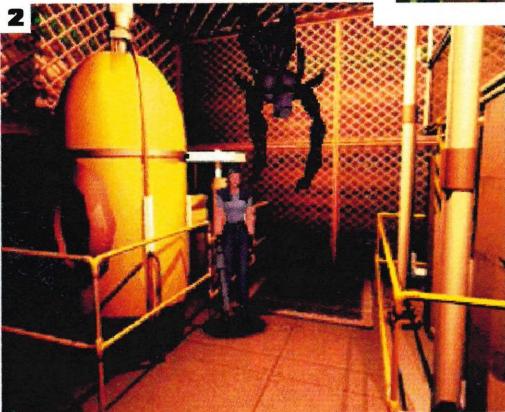
*'Good story. Bloody gory'* Tim R Kirk, Staffs

*'It's hairy scary'* Maria Salt, Lancs

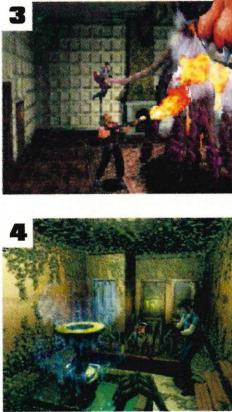
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1 Gothic decor 2 Big hairy insects 3 Flaming death 4 Angry vegetation 5 And lots and lots of dead people. Nothing like a good corpse

## 8. Die Hard Trilogy

Die Hard, Die Harder, and Die Even Harder on one disc for twenty smackers? You must be 'aving a larf...

Movie licences are a bunch of old arse. Die Hard Trilogy is the exception to the rule. Effectively three top action games in one perfectly formed package, it's got more Bruce than Play Your Cards Right. Top stuff.

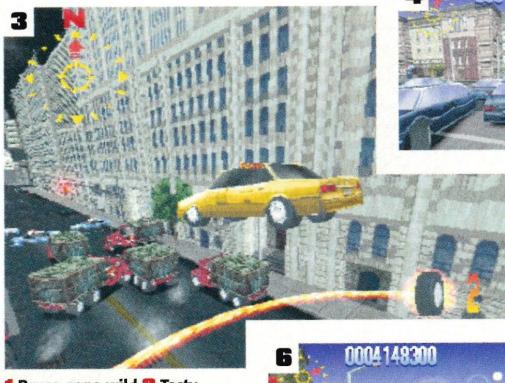
*'Three top games in one... fantastic.'* Nigel Murphy, Ireland

*'Better than the movie, even my seat was burning.'* Christopher Knight, Lancs

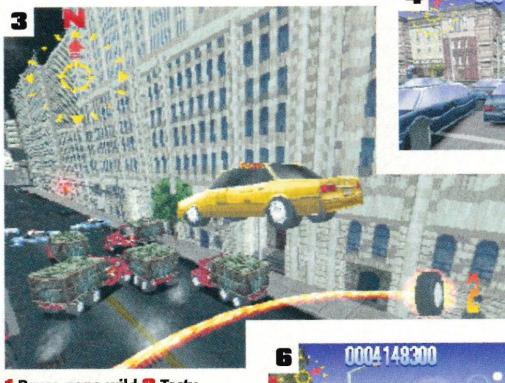
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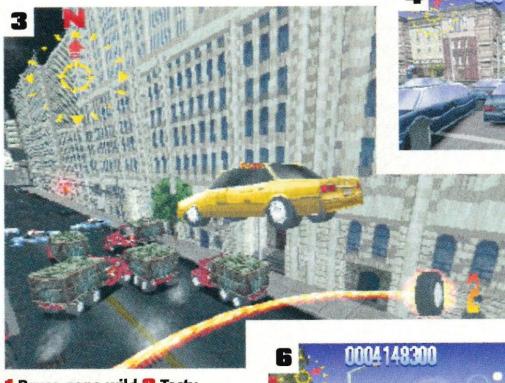
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## 7. Colin McRae Rally

Dirt explosions! Huge cars! Jocks with attitude!

V-Rally was the undisputed king, the champ, the top banana. Then Colin

instantly made our fave Jock's game. The toap boay, ken. Nae question.

**'Excellent rally game, but not better than sex'** Craig Brindley, Suffolk

McRae Rally climbed up to the customary 'great height' and began urinating. The eye-popping graphics, some unbelievable white-knuckle handling and cool tracks



1 King of the off-road!

2 Mud! 3 Dirt! 4 Burning rubber!

## 6. Tomb Raider

The pyramids or bust! She's got 'em both!

This is where it all began. And it remains one of the jewels in the 'Station's crown. It's got the looks, the level design, Uzis, dead dogs, Indiana Jones shit. And those

memorable mammaries. It's engrossing, head-frying, it's got more atmos than you could shake a recently murdered pooch at. Instant classic.

**'I am Lara Croft'** Maria Salt, Lancs



*'Mummy, is that you?'* Ben Farmer, Loughborough

*'Women with big boobs. And gameplay stuff too'*, Ashley Tocknell, Gloucester



1 Lava. And Lara 2 Spikes. Ideal decoration for YOUR ruined temple 3 You may be big, but I don't care

## 5. Final Fantasy VII

Shameless fantasy effort that's so big it'll leave you smarting...

**S**ize isn't everything, but it's a start. This one's king-sized. It's a whopper. A Peter Stuyvesant superlength filter

There's enough here to satisfy the most demanding geek or geezer. Too slow for some, but a real scorcher.

**'Epic and infinite. Real life comes a poor second'** Nick O'Neill, London

deluxe. Three CDs worth of epic fantasy questing with more items and spells and shit than is even remotely reasonable.

*'It's stolen my life!'* Mike Devlin, Manchester

*'It has magical powers.'* Aaron Aston, Cumbria



1 Lightning 2 High explosive! 3 The headquarters of the evil Shinra. Looks like a hospital to us 4 We told 'em firefighters weren't suitable building materials. Did they listen? Did they listen?

YOU'RE AGGRESSIVE, DESTRUCTIVE, INSENSITIVE AND OVERLY COMPETITIVE. YOU'RE A BAD LOSER AND YOU'RE RUTHLESS. YOU DON'T EVEN CARE WHO YOU WIPE OUT IN PURSUIT OF YOUR OWN AGENDA. YOUR HABITS ARE DISGUSTING AND YOUR ADDICTIVE NATURE IS APPALING. IN FACT, YOU'RE A BASTARD WHO JUST NEVER KNOWS WHEN TO QUIT.

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## 4. Tekken 3

So you like the sweet music of splintering human bones?

It destroys friendships. It turns healthy young men into pasty-faced slobs with

about with, there's well enough to make you forget about your so-called 'real' life...

**'Beating your friends to a pulp never felt better'** Nick O'Neill, London

unnaturally muscled fingers. Yup. This 'un's the ultimate fighter. Easy to pick up and play, but with 28 characters, 1,500 moves, and a load of modes to mess

*'More bite than Tyson,' Lucie Steppens, Devon*

*'Thumpingly mad bonecrushing sadism,' Tim Hannan, Wiltshire*



1 Heihachi Mishima dishes out the pain 2 An old man gets a biker boot in the chops 3 Flip kicks. They hurt 4 King demonstrates his 'Butt Plug' headbutt 5 This twat brings a sword. Fair?

## Don't fancy yours

And the confused have their say, too. Ain't we kind?

Some of the replies we got were – how can we say this? – slightly confused. Here're some of the worst offenders. Should any readers wish to organise lynch mobs or death squads for these sorry individuals, full addresses are available on request.

### COLIN MCRAE RALLY

'Makes me feel like I have shoved a cock screw up Chris Evans's arse and tightened it.' Jonathan Newcombe, Yorkshire

### DOOM

'Rocky eat your heart out.' Mrs S Easton, Merseyside

### TOMB RAIDER 2

'I ain't got it, but it smells so good I can taste it.' David Huddart, Brighton

### COLIN MCRAE RALLY

'The best fighting game,' Graham Hoyle, Aberdeen

### MICRO MACHINES V3

'For £20, you can lose all your fiends,' Douglas Moore, Birmingham  
Yes, he said fiends

## 3. Gran Turismo

Scream if you want to go faster

The Big Daddy of PlayStation racing games. Sure, a few Giant Haystacks have lined up to rumble with GT, but then they've taken one look at the Daddy's nut-tightening graphics, incredible handling and head-to-toe realism and backed off hastily. More depth than any

racer ever, an eye-popping number of cars and shit-hot replays. Choice.

*'Marks, set, woah!' Alex Ross, Lancs*

*'Could be the start of something beautiful.' Robert Finnie, Coventry*



## 2. Resident Evil 2

Strange things are underfoot. Like rotting organs. And clotted brain juice...

The human body's more juicy and colourful contents are the real stars in our number two. The zombies out of the first Res Evil are back, and they're even more hungry for extra-rare human bean.

*'Turn the sound up, the lights off and leave the toilet door open,' Michael West, Swindon*

*'Oh my God they killed... everyone,' Ian Van Duivenbode, Scotland*

**'It's shit scary and I love shooting the dead'** Jonathan Stevenson, Edinburgh

The graphics are... well, just look at 'em. And the game's no slouch either. Plenty of puzzles, a gripping story, suspense. And hardcore violence? All you can eat, chum...



1 Flambéed clumps of flesh  
2 Croc a la shotgun 3 Cop steak. Rare 4 Flash-fry!

# 1. Tomb Raider II

The poster-child for cosmetic surgery blasts her way to the top...

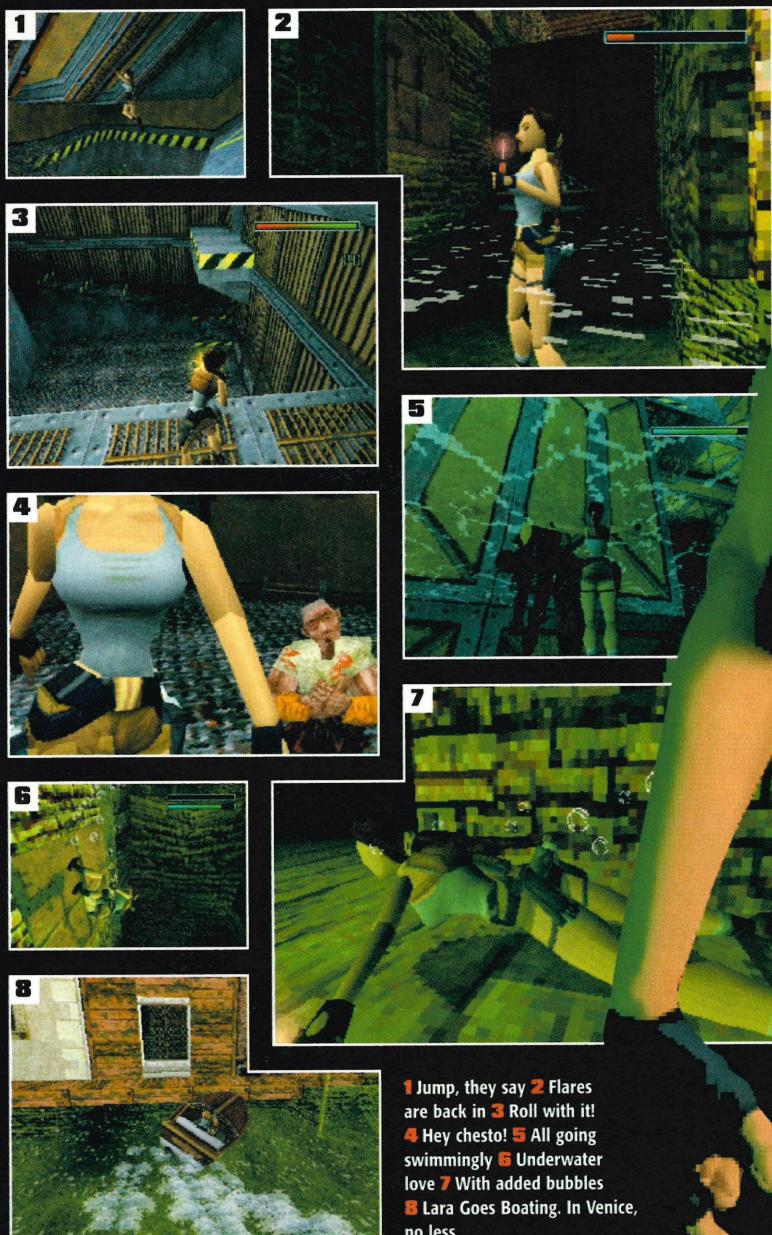
**A**nd the winner is... well of course it is. Whaddya expect? A year on, Lara's second outing's still far and away the top dog...

**'It's great pushing Lara's buttons...'**  
Pete Ryan, Northumberland

Número deux sees her returning with a more motherly bustline and a far from motherly determination to kill, kill and kill again. More gunplay-heavy than Tomb I, this 'un's a non-stop blaster with enough levels

to seriously damage your career, your social life, even your marriage. And what a looker. The game, doofus, not just the gal. Hail Lara! And long may her bosom maintain its

■ The surgeon had done a fine job on her chest, sure, but those pearly whites really needed some attention...



1 Jump, they say 2 Flares  
are back in 3 Roll with it!  
4 Hey chesto! 5 All going  
swimmingly 6 Underwater  
love 7 With added bubbles  
8 Lara Goes Boating. In Venice,  
no less

**'I like filling dogs with lead!'** Damien Ellis, England



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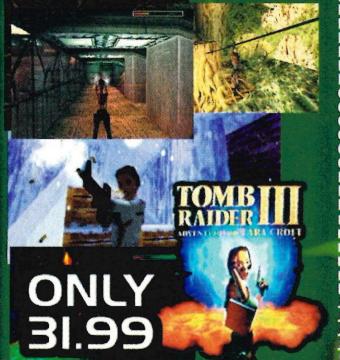
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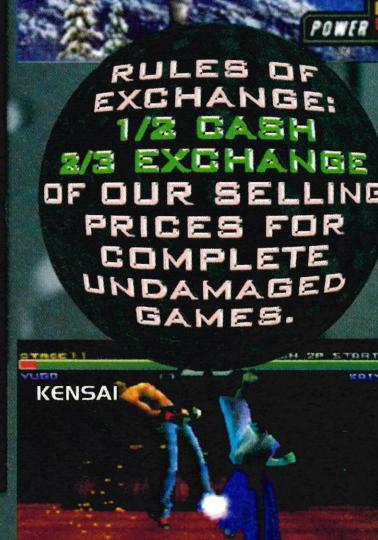
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Torn apart this month...

p61 TOCA 2



■ Glove box hell! Steering wheel shocker! Gearstick probe! It's all here

p65 Abe's Oddysee



■ Stretching out a helping hand to the poor and needy as they say, 'got any hints for Abe's, mate?'

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## TOCA TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP 2

PART 1



This monster of a game demands respect or you'll be its bitch forever. But with our two-part guide you'll be kicking its ass in no time

### DETAILS

GAME:	TOCA 2 Touring Car Championship
PRICE:	£39.99
COMPANY:	Codemasters
REVIEWED:	December 1998
SCORE:	93%
VERDICT:	A 'must have' sequel

# DONINGTON

Not a bad course to get started on, as there's only one or two demon bends to cope with...

## Recommended car

### HONDA ACCORD



■ Wow. N/A power. Is that good, then?

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	16
POWER	N/A
ENGINE	4 cylinder, in-line, traverse

## 4: MCLEANS CORNER

■ Once past the bridge there are some gentle curves, after that is a swine of a bend called Mcleans corner. You can't take this too fast or you'll spin into the gravel trap, take it too slow and you'll lose precious time.



■ May look tame, but it ain't – believe us

## 5: COPPISE CORNER

■ The right-hander, Coppice, is fairly easy, once out of there floor it, moving over to the right of the track and braking hard for the Esses.



■ Time to get your speed up before the esses, remembering to keep a steady line

## THE FACTS

Location	Derby
Track Length	1.96 miles
Lap Record	1:11.56

## 1&2: REDGATE, HOLLYWOOD & CRANES

■ For the Redgate, the first right-hander, sit on the hard left of the track. Brake and turn as late as possible, when through, boot it hard.



■ Turn late and cut across

■ Once past the easy Hollywood right-hander comes the Cranes curves, which should be a brake-free high speed manoeuvre.



■ Keep it fast 'n' steady

## 3: OLD HAIRPIN

■ Next up is the sharp right-hander the Old Hairpin, brake and turn early for this one, or you'll come a cropper.



■ Nudging a ton, woaaah

## DONINGTON CIRCUIT



## 6&7: THE ESSES & GODDARDS

■ Getting your braking right for the Esses is vital, brake sooner rather than later, but don't lock up the brakes, and keep on the left hand side of the track.



■ Don't hit the esses faster than 80mph

■ Brake before turning sharply and accelerating towards the final hairpin, Goddards, once on the apex accelerate hard towards the start of the next lap. That's it: go fast here.



■ Don't rush through this corner

# Instant Expert: TOCA 2

## SILVERSTONE

There are a few hairy moments to be had on this legend of a course...

### Recommended car

#### RENAULT LAGUNA



■ If it was blue, it'd be a... Oh, never mind

**DRIVE** FWD

**VALVES** 16

**POWER** 296 BHP at 8250 RPM

**ENGINE** 4 cylinder, in-line, traverse

### THE FACTS

**Location** Northants

**Track Length** 2.26 miles

**Lap Record** 1:23.25

### 2: MAGGOTTS

■ After copse corner make sure you're on the right of the track for the flat out left/right kink of Maggotts.



■ Funny name for a corner eh?

### 3: FARM HAIRPIN

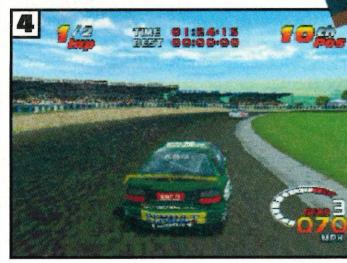
■ For this you should be on the left of the track to cut across. Ease off at the 100m marker, and bang on the brakes at 50m.



■ This is tricky

### 4&5: ABBOTS

■ Brake early for the hard right-hander, Abbotts, hug the apex and power out onto the left of the track.



■ Bridge Corner comes next, it can be taken quite fast if you use all the track to exit onto.



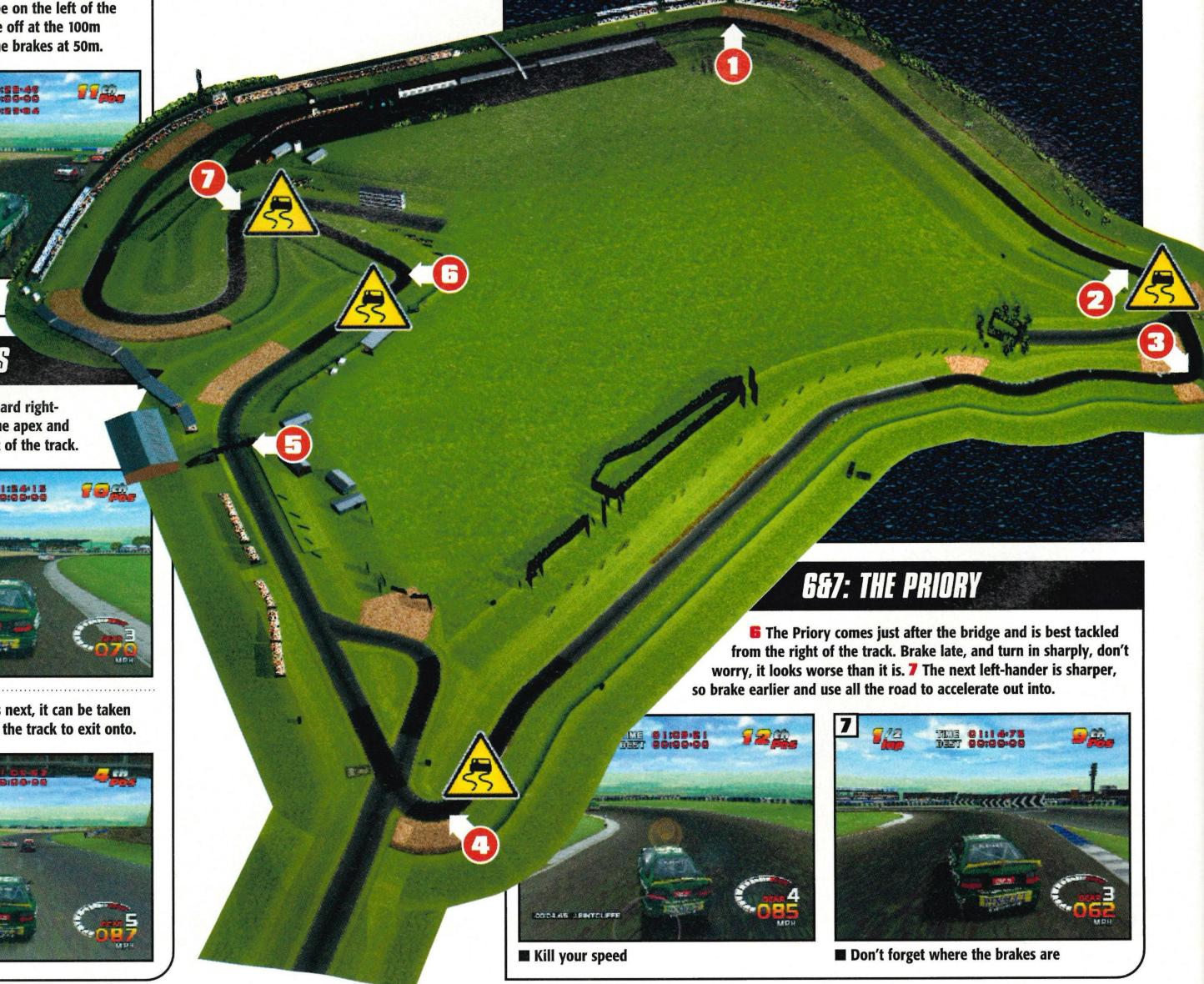
### 1: COPSE CORNER

■ The first bend is the fast right-hander, Copse Corner. This can be taken almost flat out, just ease off the gas pedal before you go into it, then welly it out.



■ Full on speed fest, ready to boot it out

### SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT



### 6&7: THE PRIORY

■ The Priory comes just after the bridge and is best tackled from the right of the track. Brake late, and turn in sharply, don't worry, it looks worse than it is. ■ The next left-hander is sharper, so brake earlier and use all the road to accelerate out into.



■ Kill your speed



■ Don't forget where the brakes are

# THRUXTON

Fast as you like, but don't be fooled: there are a couple of brown trouser curves and bends tucked in there...

## Recommended car

### FORD MONDEO



Lordy, it's a Fordy

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	24
POWER	295 BHP at 8500 RPM
ENGINE	V6, traverse

## 4: SEAGRAVE

4 You can take Seagrave almost flat out if you hug the left of the track and cut sharply to right and steer a straight course through. Practise till you get it right...



You're mine, just wait and see

## 5: NOBLE

5 This is the kind of corner that gets pros all wet between the legs. It's a left-hander and, yup, it can be taken at full power...



Drive-by shootings were never usually a problem on National Trust land

## THE FACTS

Location	Hampshire
Track Length	2.36 miles
Lap Record	1:17.07

## 3: COBB

3 It's a medium left into Cobb. Don't worry about it too much, this babe can be taken reasonably fast.



Give it some, but not too much

4

3

2

1

## 1&2: ALLARD & CAMPBELL

1 The right-hander, Allard, is the first. Tuck into the right-hand side of the track, brake, turn and power towards the left of the track.



Watch the paintwork you spanner

2 Campbell corner is a sharp right and could send you arse over tit, so brake hard and accelerate out. You lav it.



No need for that, Audi boy

## THRUXTON CIRCUIT



## 6&7: GOODWOOD, VILLAGE & CLUB

6 Keep a steady line through Goodwood, into the slightly tighter curve of Village 7 The Club chicane comes next, so brake early and head straight through, clipping both apexes on the way through. After this open up towards the start line.



Steam it hard, steam it straight



Don't worry you're supposed to do this

# Instant Expert: TOCA 2

## BRANDS HATCH

Short and bumpy, this one will sort out the clumsy oafs from the TOCA demons – be warned.

### Recommended car

#### NISSAN PRIMERA



■ One careful lady owner, etc...

**DRIVE** FWD

**VALVES** 16

**POWER** 297 BHP at 8300 RPM

**ENGINE** 4 cylinder, in-line, traverse

### THE FACTS

**Location**

Kent

**Track Length**

1.20 miles

**Lap Record**

0:44:67

### 3: GRAHAM HILL

■ Graham Hill, the left hander can be taken flat out if you start on the right of the track, and clip the left apex.



■ Looks fast. Well it is. Like, very

### 4: OVERTAKING HEAVEN

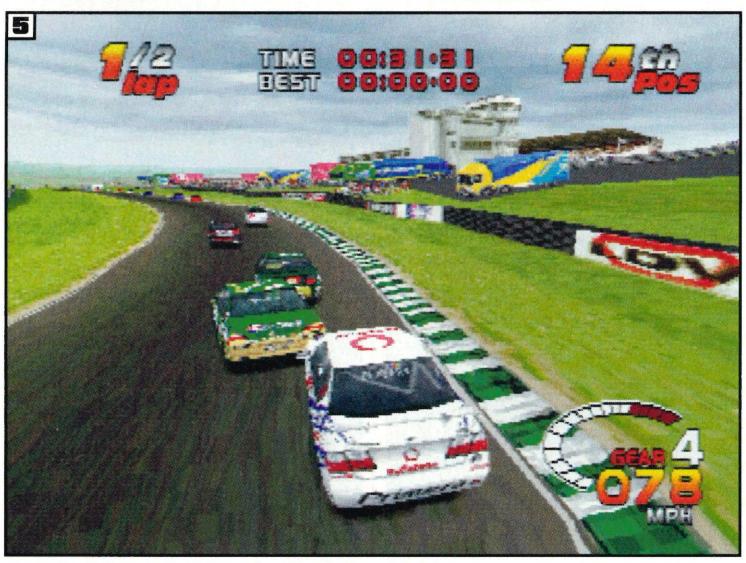
■ If you need to move up a place or two this is the place to do your thing...



■ Now's the time to bite the bullet. Go boy...

### 5: SURTEES

■ Accelerate hard through Surtees before jamming on the anchors for the sudden right, McLaren.



■ Watch out for Sunday drivers, they're only there for the scenery

### 1&2: PADDOCK & DRUIDS

■ The first corner, Paddock, bends to the right and drops away, you should start on the left of the track, brake late and steer towards the right apex before flooring it out.



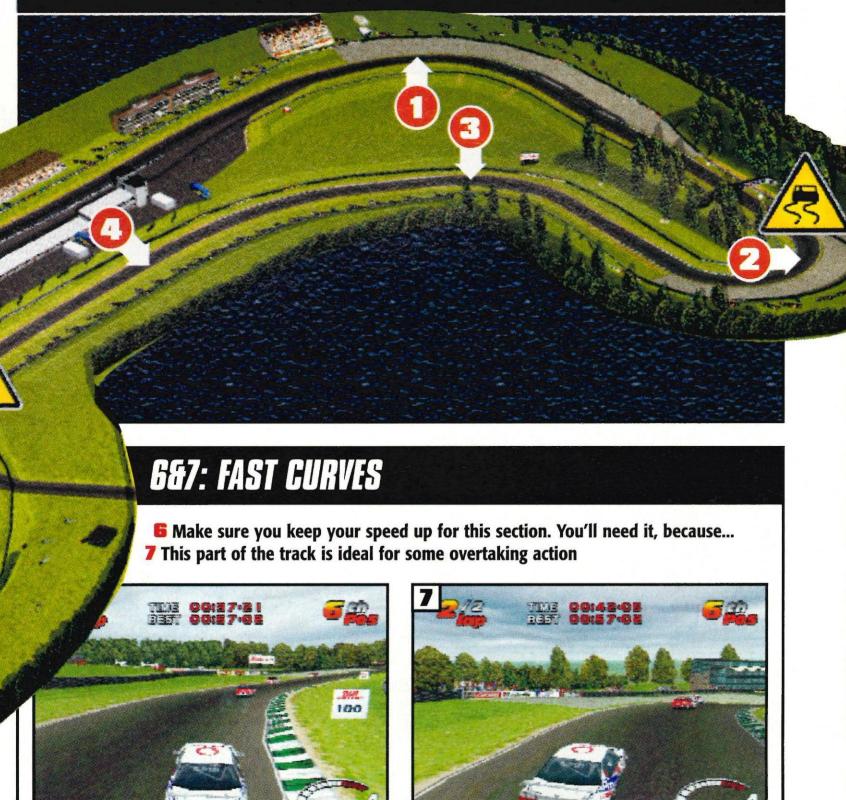
■ Be patient, wait till you're clear through

■ Next up is Druids, the 180 hairpin. Brake early for this, trying to keep a smooth line whilst accelerating slightly towards the apex, then powering out.



■ Keep your head, this is a bitch

### BRANDS HATCH CIRCUIT



### 6&7: FAST CURVES

■ Make sure you keep your speed up for this section. You'll need it, because...

■ This part of the track is ideal for some overtaking action



■ Don't lose it, you're near the start line



■ So close. Can you smell the champagne?

### CHEATS

■ There's a buffet selection of special FX in Toca 2. To activate the cheats enter any of the following as your driver's name:

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FASTBOY	FASTER
DINKYBIT	ULTON PARK ISLAND CIRCUIT



■ Bouncy, bouncy



■ Oulton park – uncovered

# Q&A

We've got stacks of hints, tips and cheats. If you've got a gaming problem, chances are we'll have the solution. So write to us. Our address is on page 12.

## Abe's Oddysee

### How to get father

Could you please tell me how to get off the first level? I get to the second level and the door is always shut. Me and my dad haven't got a clue.  
Amy Louise Sciberras

**plus** Dads are crap sometimes aren't they? They should really know this sort of information, or what's the point in keeping them? Lucky we're

here. See, what you got to do is ignore this door and carry on with the game. The door itself – which leads to the outside world – opens much later in the game. You make your escape by getting past the mines, sneaking through the shadows on the outskirts of the prison and falling down a massive cliff. There you go, one up on dad.



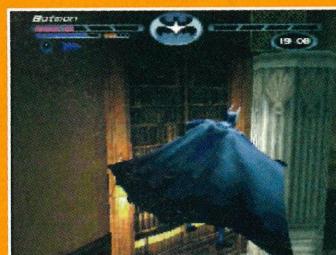
1 You can't get through the door yet 2 First, escape from Rupture Farms... 3 By going this way

## Batman & Robin

### Men in tights

Got any cheats for the excellent Batman and Robin, and I think Tekken 3 and Final Fantasy VII are brilliant and say hello to my hamster Laa Laa and my rabbit Snowy and Wrexham FC is the best. Gareth Williams

**plus** Er, sorry? Are we games consultants or an expensive message board? Sure your pet spider won't feel left out? Right muppet boy try this: for invincibility hammer tap in at the title screen: L1 R2 R1 L2 SEL X O



■ Black's the new grey apparently. All the best flying rodents are wearing it...



■ Next season red and green are going to make a come back. We can't wait!

## ALIEN VS PREDATOR

Have you got any details for me on Alien vs Predator? And I heard that Die Hard was getting a sequel, tell me it's true.  
Stephen Stone

**plus** Before we start, who do you think would win out of Alien and Predator? Personally we reckon in a one-on-one ruck the Predator would kick ass. It hunts alone y' see, while the Alien hunts in packs so it's not much cop on its own. Anyway, the bad news is that the game's been canned for the foreseeable future. However, there are plans for a Die Hard sequel. So expect one next year.

## FINAL FANTASY VII

On Final Fantasy VII, what is Knights of the Round Materia, where do you get it from and who's level four limit break is All Creation?  
Bugenhagen

**plus** Strange name by the way, are you from round here? Not to worry, neither's the Royal Family. To business. The Knights of the Round Materia is a magic spell, which is totally rockin'. To get your grubby mitts on it you've got to go to the small island in the far north-eastern corner of the map, but hey you've gotta get hold of one of those gold Chocobos. Yuffie's the level four limit break called All Creation.

## GRAN TURISMO

How the \*\*\*\* do you get the TRD 3000 GT (it's a car) in Gran Turismo?  
Simon Leemin

**plus** If we're not mistaken what you've got to do is win on all tracks, with all difficulties, then the special cars become available. All this sounds like a bit of a chore if you ask us, but then people do stranger things to get their hands on a new car. Like saving for them, re-mortgaging the family home or even hot-wiring one.

## MediEvil

### Patience Daniel, my son

I have just bought MediEvil and I'm stuck in the Hall of Heroes. I have collected the crossbow of the first soldier but none of the others have that green glow, what do I do?  
Matthew Birkinshaw

**plus** The petulance of youth. Such a hurry to get to the end, why not stop along the way and smell the roses? What you got to do is find the other chalices, and when you do, the others will glow for you. Go now, and hang your head in shame, and never darken our door with your premature questioning.



■ Pay your respects, 'cos he's mean 'n' green



■ Best do a little bowing, just to be sure



■ A clue: it's not a walking stick

## Bomberman World

### More? You want more?

Please can I have the code for world four, level one on Bomberman World. Also any info on Lemmings Collectors' Edition?  
Harry Hill

**plus** For a famous comedian you're not only not funny but your handwriting's crap. Still we guess even you can have a bad day, so we're cutting some slack and giving you everything we know.

As for Lemmings Collection you can expect it in your shops around about now. Happy with that?

BONUS VERSUS LEVEL	5656
BONUS BATTLE LEVEL	4989
BATTLE ROYAL MODE	1616
MANIAC MODE	4622

### PLANET FOREST

LEVEL 1-1	8010
LEVEL 1-2	1180
LEVEL 1-3	8086
LEVEL 1-4	2919
LEVEL 1-5	1021

### PLANET WIND

LEVEL 2-1	0127
LEVEL 2-2	1220
LEVEL 2-3	1018
LEVEL 2-4	0804
LEVEL 2-5	0714

### PLANET FIRE

LEVEL 3-1	1027
LEVEL 3-2	2413
LEVEL 3-3	3009
LEVEL 3-4	6502
LEVEL 3-5	6809

### PLANET OCEAN

LEVEL 4-1	0627
LEVEL 4-2	8818
LEVEL 4-3	3674
LEVEL 4-4	4891
LEVEL 4-5	0605

### PLANET BLACK

LEVEL 5-1	0730
LEVEL 5-2	2151
LEVEL 5-3	3562
LEVEL 5-4	3812
LEVEL 5-5	2203



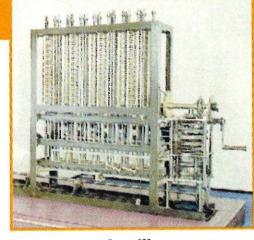
■ 'Follow me, I know where we're going'

## Cyber-helpery

### Geek Speak

If all else fails and we can't help you. If you need to know now and you've got access to the internet, and if you don't mind appearing geeky, try these sites:

<http://www.game-revolution.com/content.htm>  
<http://www.ugo.net/OAS/ugo/try-it.cgi>  
<http://www.segasages.com>  
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■ Internet 2 is still years away

# Instant Expert: Your problems solved

## Top 5 tips

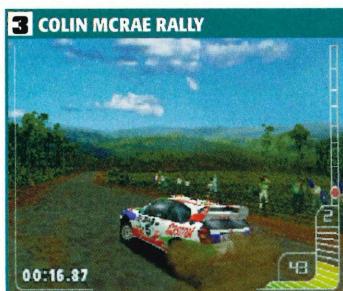
Essential stuff you, like, need to know



To become totally invincible pause the game and hold **R2** then press **→ ↑ ↓ ←** go back to the game and cap some ass



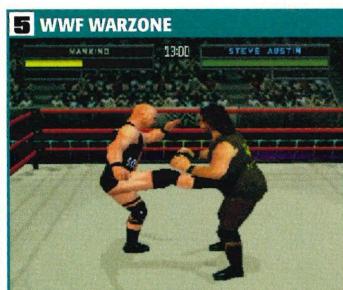
Unlock all levels go to the weapon select screen and hit **□ □ △ △ → ↑ ↓** whilst holding **R1**



Enter your name as SILKYSMOOTH to get 60 frame per second graphics



Place the cursor over the corresponding team symbol: enter **× ○ × △ ▲** for invincibility



To get fighters with oversize heads beat the challenge mode as the British Bulldog

## MDK

### Shitty shitty bang bang

I bought the game MDK and I can't get past the red glass at the beginning. Please help.

Tyrone Taylor

**plus** Dear me Tyrone, you're not exactly challenging for Gamer of the Year are you? We've taken pity on you, 'cos your name kind of reminds us of a faded 80s pop star who used to be in Duran Duran. Weren't you that bored-looking drummer?

What you've got to do to get past said glass is enter sniper mode, and zoom in on the guard in the distance. Wait until the target is over his face and shoot him. Do this for the other two guards and wait for an exploding crate to fall down. Then shoot this to blow up

the tower, exit sniper mode, pick up the grenade which drops into the arena and throw it against the red glass wall. Bingo.



■ Enter sniper mode



■ Kill the guards



■ Chuck the grenade against the wall

## PEAK PERFORMANCE

Are there any cheats for Peak Performance?  
Steven Cox

**plus** Shit, we've got them coming out of every orifice. Here's a small selection:

For special classes of vehicles press **L1 + R1** at the car selection screen under either class A, B, or C.

And for the hidden vehicles:

If you want a Diablo finish the Uptown Driveway track in first place in all three difficulty

levels in one-player mode. Finish first in the next level. Then race the Uptown Driveway track in time trial mode and you'll find the parked Diablo. To get the Porsche come first in all three difficulty levels in player one mode on the Seven Tight Corners track. Race the same track in time trial mode and you'll find the Porsche at the hotel.

To get a scooter, you have to race the Northern Country track in time trial mode in an anticlockwise direction. During the second lap go through the gate located near the river, the scooter's down there.

## Mortal Kombat Trilogy

### Hurtin' to help

Have you got any cheats for Mortal Kombat Trilogy and Gran Turismo (joke)?

Martin

**plus** Yeah, you better had be joking sonny boy 'cos it's taken us quite some time to convince people there are no cheats for Gran friggin' Turismo, so don't blow it. There are however many cheats for Mortal Kombat Trilogy. To activate a host of new options hold **L1 L2 R1 R2 ↑** until the screen shakes, then go to the green question mark. You'll be given the choice of: one button fatalities, health recovery, instant aggressor, normal boss damage and low damage.

If you want some classic versions of Rayden, Jax, Kung Lao, or Kano press **SEL** at the character select screen to choose them.

For a portion of level select in one-player vs mode, highlight Sonya and press **↑ + ST**

If you want to play as Chameleon choose any male ninja and hold **← R1 R2 □ △** until the match begins.

Kombat codes work by adjusting the player numbers whilst selecting characters.

### HANDICAPS

P1 1/2 ENERGY .....	033-000
P2 1/2 ENERGY .....	000-033
P1 1/4 ENERGY .....	707-000
P2 1/4 ENERGY .....	000-707
SUPER ENDURANCE .....	024-689
COMBOS DISABLED .....	722-722
THROWING DISABLED .....	100-100
BLOCKING DISABLED .....	020-020



■ Be good, impress people, marry a model



■ This 'un will need more than a plaster

## SHADOW MASTER

For Shadow Master I have come across a lot of cheat codes for the weapons and invincibility but they are all different... which one is the real one? I'm stuck on the second bit of the second level.

Erwin Enrique  
Australia

**plus** Nice and hot down there is it? Got your barbecue out on the beach, eh? You jammy bastid. It's freezing here in Blighty, still we guess we can't blame you lot for our crap weather. As to your question, who can you trust? Us, that's who. Give these cheats a whirl, your game will purr like a pussy cat on heat.

To activate the cheat facility you've got to beat the first two aliens in the game, then enter the room from which they came, once there enter any of the following:

## Pandemonium

### Complete and utter...

Look, you got any cheats for Pandemonium?  
David Rocastle

**plus** For sure we do, but with your menacing manner we're not sure you deserve it, wait, a message is coming through – the polite police are on our case so yes, we're always happy to help, try this:

LEVEL	CODE
LEVEL 1	ADEAMIIE
LEVEL 2	EPIJACKA
LEVEL 3	FBIJAKCI
LEVEL 4	KOCCIEE
LEVEL 5	NGIAIBJJ
LEVEL 6	NIIAJBCB
LEVEL 7	KGCACICA
LEVEL 8	AHICBAJE
LEVEL 9	AIICFAJG
LEVEL 10	AIICBAJI
LEVEL 11	FBIJAKCK
LEVEL 12	FDIIAKDC
LEVEL 13	FFIIAKDK
LEVEL 14	KACACIBA
LEVEL 15	ADMCFIAID
LEVEL 16	EMIJEKBE
LEVEL 17	OEBIBMJ
LEVEL 18	FAAIAKCE

### CHEAT PASSWORDS

BORNFREE	LEVEL SELECT
HARDBODY	INVISIBILITY
VITAMINS	EXTRA 31 LIVES
CORONARY	EXTRA HEARTS
BODY SWAP	SWAP BETWEEN CHARACTERS
OTTOFIRE	DURING GAME BY PRESSING <b>△</b>
EVILDEAD	PERMANENT SPECIAL WEAPONS
THETHING	IMMORTAL ENEMIES
INANDOUT	MUTATE YOUR BODY USING <b>L2</b> PRESS <b>L2 + X</b> TO RESET
TWISTEYE	QUITTING RETURNS PLAYER TO MAP SCREEN
CASHDASH	HOLD <b>L2 + L2</b> THEN USE D-PAD TO ROTATE SCREEN
TOMMMYBOY	SPECIAL GREED BONUS GAME WHEN YOU COMPLETE A LEVEL PINBALL BONUS GAME WHEN YOU COMPLETE A LEVEL

WIN GREAT  
PRIZES!\*\*

### LEVEL SELECT

Hold L1 L2 R1 R2 □ then intentionally lose. From the opening screen you should be able to go to level 1-16.

### UNLIMITED ENERGY

Hold L1 L2 R1 R2 □ then, crazy boy, intentionally lose.

### ALL WEAPONS

### UNLIMITED AMMO

Hold L1 L2 R1 R2 □ then, you madman, intentionally lose.

### TOMB RAIDER

Do you know if the Dual Shock pad will work on Tomb Raider?

Simon Grewal

**ANSWER:** The answer's kind of yes and kind of no. Yes, you can use the Dual Shock to play Lara's parts on TRI and TRII, but it won't actually rumble for you.

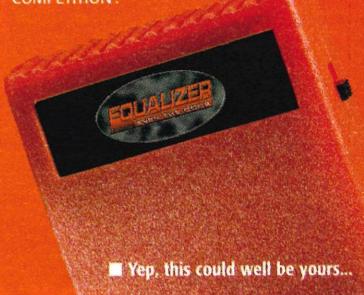
However, the really good news is that it'll start vibrating for the third installment. The Dual Shock pad that is rather than anything else. Jiggling other stuff around is up to you.

### Free as a bird

#### Datel give-away

Cheats, where do they come from? If you know and fancy sharing them with us you could win one of ten Datel Equalizer cards, loaded to the rafters with the cheats you need. All you've got to do is send in your cheats, the best ones receive the Datel cards, piece of piss:

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■ Yep, this could well be yours...

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◆ You'll soon be numero uno no-worries

# Instant Expert: Your problems solved

No, no, no

## The thin end of the wedge

This letter isn't asking for a cheat. It's asking for you to include something that isn't in any other PlayStation mag. As a male gamer, I'm interested in getting to know females with similar interests as me. Wouldn't it be great to include personal ads in Q&A, so we could exchange cheats and maybe more? To kick it off this is what my ad would look like:

Murray Farthers

**Small businessman, very hand-some, sexy American, 50, seeks beautiful woman of any age for marriage. I am loving and fun. Please reply with photos to Mike Hunt, 4255889 PO Box 56485, Atlanta, USA**

**Male 21, very average looking, GSOH, into RPG's, heavy metal, real ale, astronomy, short country walks and long steamy game sessions seeks female 16-30 with similar interests, must have own memory card. London & South East**

**Gay man, 19, blond, blue eyes, lovely smile, seeks guys for friendship and...  
Sad, very, very sad. Breaks your heart**

**Murray you have lost your way somewhere, we're not sure where. We can't bring ourselves to help you, because if we help you we would have to help every other spoddy bastid with wrist ache. Something not even the late Mother Theresa of Calcutta would – in all likelihood – bother to do. You could start your own magazine, perhaps called 'Spods-U-Love'.**

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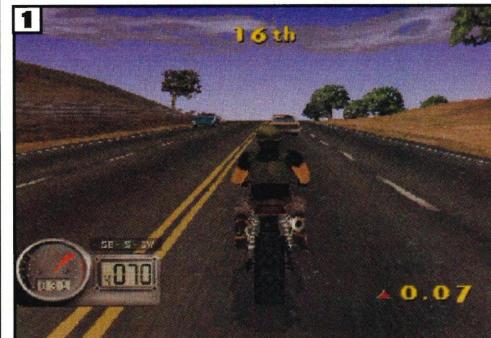
## Road Rash 3D

### Pop a wheelie

Have you got any cheats for Road Rash 3D?

Robert Wilson

**(plus)** Only one little belter, which is a mite tricky to pull off. What you got to do is: press **X** twice to pop a wheelie, keep tapping **X** until a car is found, then drive over the car, brake and press **□**. If you get it right you'll hitch a ride with the car.



1 Get the car in front of you 2 Double tap the accelerator 3 Ride onto the roof, and brake



2



3

well you'll be sadly disappointed, still here we go: enter HOUSE as a password and start a game, during a game press R1 to select a level, and R2 to select a room.

## WE MESSED UP – BUT ONLY SLIGHTLY

**(plus)** The Q&A team is quietly embarrassed to announce that we made a minor mistake in November's issue.

Our apologies first of all go out to Skeg who asked about playing games on a PC monitor...

So, in fact it is true that you can play PlayStation games on a PC monitor, in fact one alarmed reader informed us that you can use an Amiga monitor. He goes on to tell us you can use the Phillips CM8833-II. Apparently it's dirt cheap and plays NTSC. On top of that you could buy an Upscan converter if you wanted to.

Oh dear, red faces all round. But then one small mistake among the hundreds of perfect cheats we provide each month is no bad record.

We send our sincere condolences to the mother of the now deceased Q&A person who screwed up. Sorry about your son, but then again he was aware of the risks involved, eh?

## You know you want it

### Brand new cheats

**(plus)** This Christmas hamper full of new cheats didn't come easy. But hey, we know you lot ain't cheap to keep.

## COLONY WARS: VENGEANCE

Enter any of the following at the password screen, remembering to enter the capitals:

**Demon:** Level select

**Vampire:** Invincibility

**Tornado:** Have all weapons

But if you tire of any of these, just bang in 'Stormlord' to disable all the cheats...

## ROGUE TRIP

Everytime you beat the game with one of the standard cars you get a cheat code, they are:

**R1 □ R1 □ L1 □**

increased armour - ozone

**□ X □ R1 R2**

infinite turbo - pyro

**X O L2 X L1**

funtopia - meat wagon

**L1 L2 □ L1 R1 □**

## THE FIFTH ELEMENT

For a level select and a whole other bunch of other goodies for you to enjoy go to the main menu and press: **L1 L2 R2 R1 SEL**



**1** With a little tweaking, you'll be saving the universe... **2** And getting all the credit **3** Only hard nuts can get away with wearing outfits like this **4** You'll love the smell of cheats in the morning **5** For a skinny chick she sure does like to get stuck in

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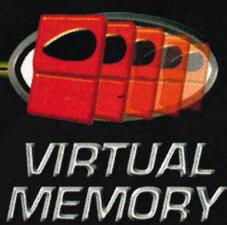
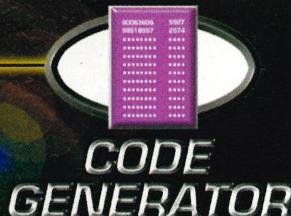
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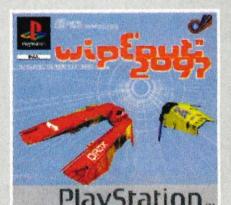
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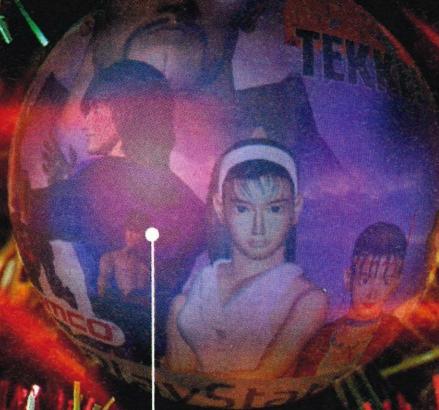
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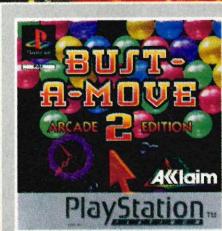


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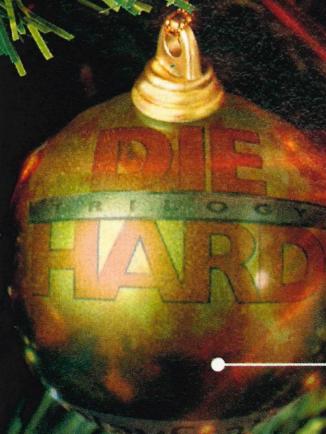
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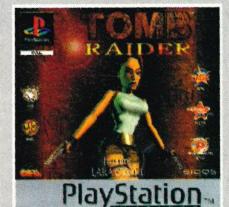
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<b>51-60%</b>	<b>Just toss</b>
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<b>71-80%</b>	<b>Good, not great</b>
<b>81-90%</b>	<b>Almost classic</b>
<b>91-100%</b>	<b>Essential play</b>
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**Ain't no mountain high enough to stop the blind snowboard school trying their latest stunts...**

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Ultra-bollocks robot shoot 'em up

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<b>Adidas Power Soccer '98</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
Company Pregame   18 Players   1 Special   That shock pad memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   Copy game don't leave out the mustard.	88%
<b>Adidas Soccer International '97</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
Company Pregame   18 Players   14 memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   Influence in Adidas Power Soccer, also pretty slate.	70%
<b>Armstrong</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
Company Virgin   18 Players   1 Memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   A bit like the first one, more and dull graphics. Ok, but that's all.	78%
<b>Agile Warrior</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
Company Virgin   18 Players   1 Memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   Early challenge, a decent attack shoot 'em up, neat, but no cigar.	88%
<b>Alley Cats</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
Company Virgin   18 Players   1 Memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   Incredible fun, great graphics, lots depth and variety.	88%
<b>Ace Combat 2</b>	<b>£24.99</b>
Company Virgin   18 Players   1   Special Analog pad, NegCon Memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   gives pilot extrastrategies. Buy planes, and shoot everything!	88%
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Company Virgin   18 Players   1 Memory card   Link-up to Mouse   Multilink   Taking the skies. Easy to pick up and fun to play.	70%
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**Is Pamela Anderson an alien?**

**She's a People Analyst.**

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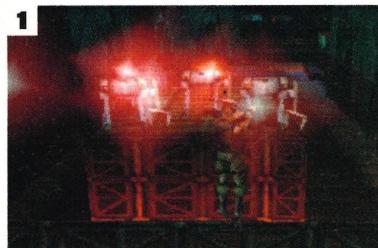
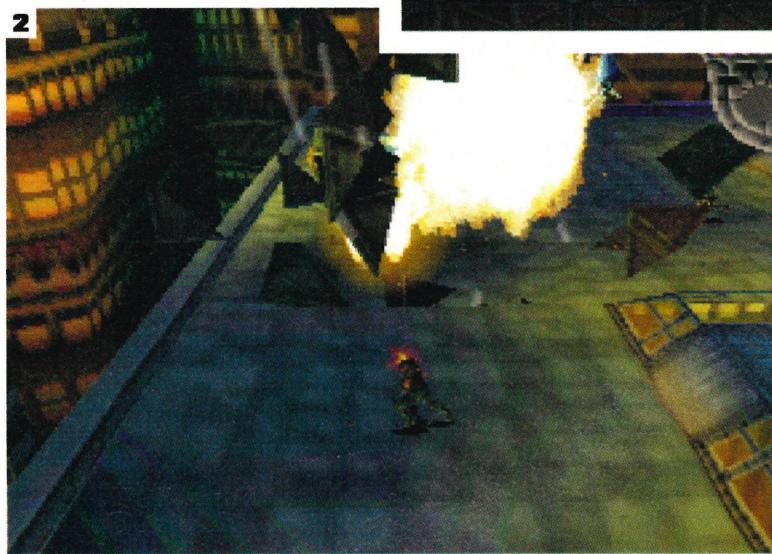
# APOCALYPSE

Bruce Willis. He's one bad mother. Yup, he neglects his children and spends all their Child Benefit on Carly Special and bingo... or something.

The moment greasy metallers have been waiting for is finally here. Satan's coming to town. But his boys ain't done up in black leather with bad skin conditions. Pointy teeth and hard-core weaponry are the order of the day. Kill! Kill!

## Total control

Strange wizardry is afoot. You can run one way and shoot the other. In fact, with Sony's miraculous new Dual Shock apparatus, you can run any direction, while shooting in any other direction. The benefits of having totally separate directional bits for running and shooting. Very svelte.



## Yo. Wussup?

Death, Plague, Famine, War and the Beast are coming to town. It's up to you, a digitised Bruce Willis, to make 'em feel about as welcome as Ian Paisley in the Vatican. Thing is, much as Death, Plague and the gang like firestorms and hails of electric death, they don't like to feel them up 'em. Keep running. Jump holes. Kill all enemies. Simple, huh?

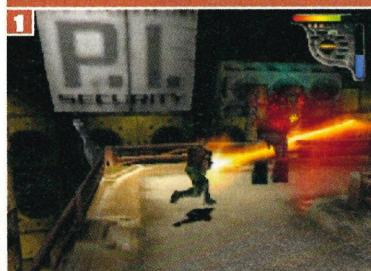


1 Kill! Kill! Kill! 2 Thrill! Thrill! Thrill! 3 Spill! Spill! Spill! Your sackload of lumpy manseed, that is...

## What we like

### Bruce. He da man

Come come. You didn't really expect the Bald Avenger to be involved in something sensitive, complex or refined, did you? Well he ain't. Blood, steaming innards, alien juices, and shell cases are his building blocks here. And he does good. This 'un's a 24-carat no-brainer, but we've never been known to refuse a nice slice of mindless violence...



1 Napalm death. Thin and crispy, just the way we like it 2 Big bad-ass monsters to dust down 3 Small monsters die easier. But the blood still keeps a-flowing 4 And they even shriek stuff like 'Medic!' as you pump rounds into 'em 5 But will this lot faze Bruce? You must be 'avin' a larf!

## Up and down

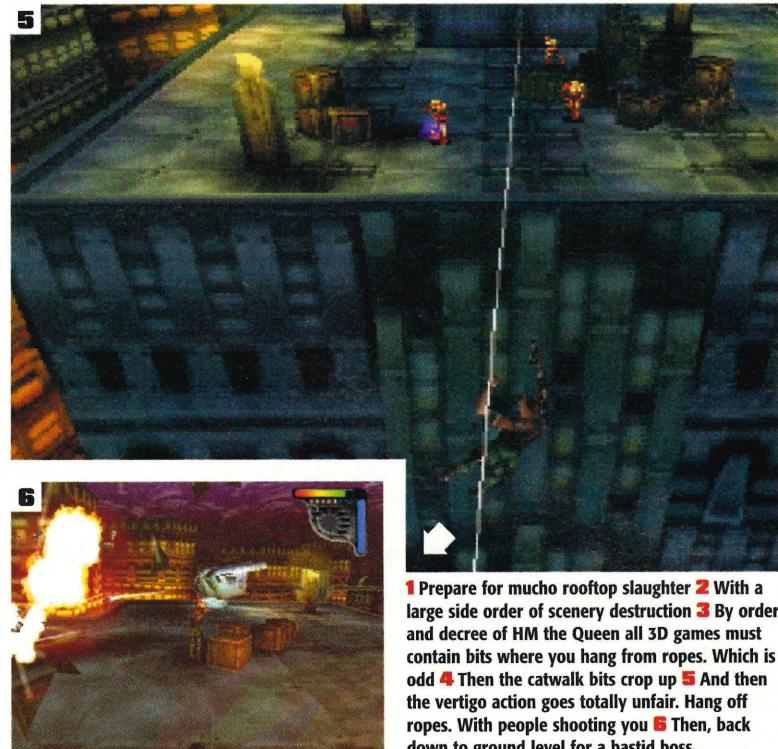
In this 3D one-man-against-an-army firefest, there's one thing that usually spoils the fun. The perspective. It's nearly always total bumcheese. Here, there's been a bit of programming elbow grease applied, and it works. There're different cool views. This makes us happy boys.



1 Camera switches are neat 2 Different views keep it cool 3 Time to drop 4 That last jump was a doozy! Oh, Bruce. You're a one

## The rooftops

Here's a taster of one of the levels. Well, it's a taster insofar as we get to actually play the level, while you get to look at a handful of screenshots, strung together with Uncle Plus's patented Rib Ticklin' Captions. Always a pleasure, never a chore.

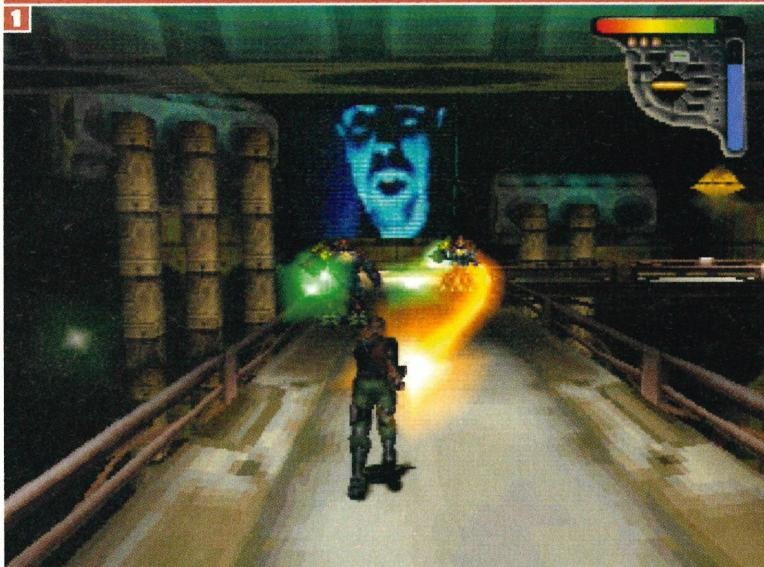


1 Prepare for mucho rooftop slaughter 2 With a large side order of scenery destruction 3 By order and decree of HM the Queen all 3D games must contain bits where you hang from ropes. Which is odd 4 Then the catwalk bits crop up 5 And then the vertigo action goes totally unfair. Hang off ropes. With people shooting you 6 Then, back down to ground level for a bastid boss...

## What we don't like

### Bruce, Bruce, Bruce

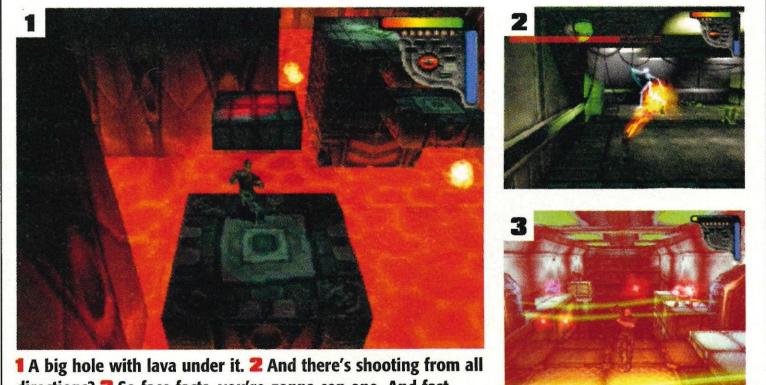
'You want some? You want some too, huh?' Sheesh. Occasionally, but just occasionally, mind, that kind of action film wit makes us yearn for black and white Polish art films. Here, Brucey's kitted with about four things he can say. And boy does he say them. Funny to start. Then it's 'Volume control, please!'



1 'See you in Hell!' 2 'You want some?' And so on, and so on, and so on... 3 But it's dead cool when the lads say stuff like 'Lay down suppressing fire!'

## Platforms

When you're taking on the Lord of the Flies and his army of mental chums, you wouldn't expect the biggest danger to be holes in the ground in-between laser-toting devils. Sad but true. The platform bits are the bits that're going to get your ulcers throbbing. Watch. Weep.



1 A big hole with lava under it. 2 And there's shooting from all directions? 3 So face facts, you're gonna cop one. And fast

## Death!

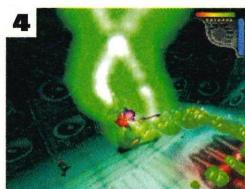
Mutilation fans take note. You can really do a number on Satan's lapdogs in this one. Laugh darkly as you incinerate, decapitate and bisect the Prince of Darkness's minions. Scream in delight as fountains of blood and pus erupt from the zombies you drill with your chain gun. Then do us all a favour and check yourself into a secure ward, y'sick and twisted twat...



1 Gluuuuuuuuagghh! 2 Aaaaiiiieee! 3 Ooooogggghh! More concerns for the moral majority...

## Plague!

Yup, the Four Horsemen show up. 'Course they do. Apocalypse, innit? Without horses, mind, but hey, we're tolerant guys. The next surprise is that Death is a pussy. He's not really Death, more Minor Inconvenience and Discomfort. We expected more from our horny chum, but what can you do? Next up's his slimy sister Plague, though, and she's a bit more of a handful...



1 What nice teeth you have, Plague 2 What are you? Some kind of personification of evil? 3 Once you got her cornered, it's time to go in with the big guns 4 Not so big and disease-ridden now, are you?



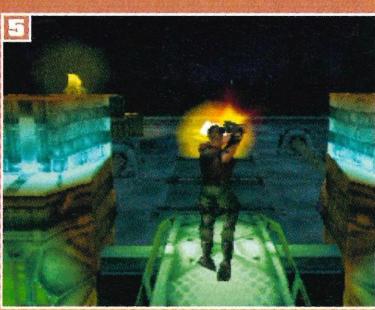
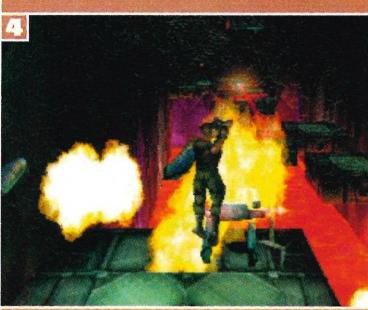
### We'd like to say...

The best idea since breasts that lactate lager.

And since the Beerboob(TM) hasn't gone into production yet, you'd be best off splashing out on Apocalypse now. A warning though: there's not much innovation here. If you're a gamer who likes his action migraine-inducingly hard, give this the dodge. It ain't the hardest game ever made...

## Bedknobs and boomsticks

You start off with a groovy little machine gun. Little shells pop out of it and clatter on to the floor as you grease baddies. This is Very Cool. Later, try your hand at blistering Satan's spawn with flame-throwers, vaporizing 'em with lasers, and hurting 'em bad with grenades, particle beams and pulse weapons. Lock 'n' load!



1 Flame-thrower. Burn demon spawn 2 Grenades. Hurt lots of people at once 3 Lasers. Blister enemies bad 4 Homing rockets. If you can't see the target 5 Non-homing rockets. Pastes bad boys

Maybe a shade too easy for some of you armchair gunmen out there, but this fires on all cylinders. Tasty to look at, mighty fine to play. Blam, blam, thank you ma'am. Rob

**PlayStation**

**RATED 90%**

■ OUT NOW ■ BY SONY ■ COSTS £34.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# COOL BOARDERS 3

Board stupid? Ah, you'll be needing Cool Boarders 3 then.

The Beastie Boys do it. The Prodigy can't get enough of it. Shit, even the Royals have been known to have a go. Seems everyone's taking to the white powder for the ultimate high. We are still talking about snowboarding, right?

### Breaking down the boarders

Cool Boarders 3 plays pretty much the same as any other snowboarding game out there. Compete against the other boarders to come first in all the different racing and free-style events, pulling off as many tricks as you can along the way. There's enough pant-wetting thrills 'n' spills to keep adrenalin junkies hooked for a while, but it won't be everyone's kind of thing.



1 This one sure beats the pants off watching Ski Sunday or crap fly on the wall programmes about backward chalet girls 2 Slalom racing will certainly put your skills to the test 3 And this stuff is like er... radical dude

### What we like

#### Tricks 'n' stunts

Sick of the tournament mode? No problemo, dude. Cool Boarders 3 has a smart practice option which allows you to grab some 'mad height' and pull off various tricks and stunts. From 'awesome' backflips to 'radical' 1080s — they're all in here. But you just can't beat pulling off a 'stiffy' over the 'Devil's Butt' course. But hey, let's keep it clean.



1 The half pipe is the place to test out all the tricks and stunts 2 Rail slides are a doddle 3 That looks like a nasty one

## On the piste

The graphics have been given a make-over since the last Cool Boarders game and now look smarter than ever. The snow effects are more realistic, the scenery appears far earlier, the boarders benefit from a greater level of detail and animation's improved too. It ain't going to set the world alight, but it's a better looker than last year's game.



- 1 The snow trails behind the boards are well impressive  
2 The characters are a lot more realistic this time around 3 And the night time courses are pretty smart

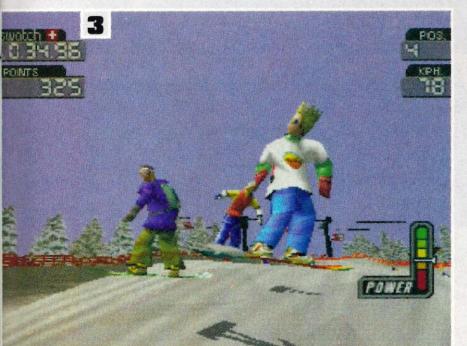
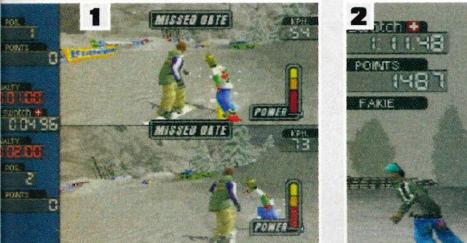
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### We'd like to say...

If you've all ready got Cool Boarders 2, there's little reason to splash the cash on this. Yeah, it's got some cool new stuff, but there ain't enough to justify parting with nearly forty notes. On the other hand, if you're new to the snowboarding scene, this is probably the best game out there.

## Ice to see you

New blokes have been pulled in to work on the third game in the Cool Boarders series and they've brought with them loads of cool new stuff. There's a ton of new characters, courses and boards to choose from, tricks and stunts have been expanded to include rail sides and you can now get in a ruck with the other boarders if they give you any grief on the slopes. But in all honesty, it ain't really all that different from CB2.



- 1 The split-screen two-player game is pretty cool 2 The different boards affect your speed and handling 3 Other boarders getting in your way? 4 A swift twat in the face will sort 'em out

If snowboarding's what gets your trouser snake moving, then you can't go far wrong with Cool Boarders 3. Just don't expect anything too radical, dude. Lee

**PlayStation plus**  
**RATED 82%**

■ OUT NOW ■ BY FUNSOFT ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# LEGEND

Imagine a place, far away where mutant dog-men live: all in need of a good kicking.

Another day, another dimension. Time to save the universe or some other act of goodness. It's a good against evil, man against beast thing. A legend in the making or a legendary waste of time, let's hear from our crack team of lab rats...

## Half Dimensional

The characters move with all the agility and grace of a knee-capped ballroom dancer midway through a fit. To say it looks stilted is to give it an air of credibility, which it barely deserves. The main characters have five moves — walk, jump, kick, punch/slash, pick-up, which for a beat 'em up/adventure game seems tighter than a nat's chuff.



- 1 Mutant pig men must die 2 Including the hero 3 Everyone must, just die

## Fighting 'n' stuff

There's no doubt the game looks good — in a colourful, cartoon type of way. What lets it down though, is the lack of variety in the backgrounds. After a while they seem very, very samey. And this is made worse by the fact you're restricted to a narrow path which you have to wander along fighting and picking things up. Sounds like a bog-standard Saturday night out on the town.



- 1 It's Captain Caveman 2 In this dimension dogs aren't so friendly 3 Look, a lass with a chopper

An OK idea that would need an Exocet strapped to its arse to speed up the gameplay, and a personality transplant to make it halfway interesting. Rich

**PlayStation plus**  
**RATED 45%**

# BUST-A-MOVE 4

Praise be. Good, clean fun never felt so good...

**T**oo. Many. Brightly. Coloured. Balls. Brain cannot cope. Left hemisphere in danger of collapse. Frontal lobe implosion risk. MUST. STOP. PLAYING THIS. GAME... Oh, OK. Just one more go, then. But make it a quick one, eh?

## Ball busting

Here's how it goes: first, match up coloured balls. When you get three or more of the same kind touching they disappear. But where it gets real fun is when you start sending balls over to your opponent's side by setting up hangers-on. Sound complicated to you? well it ain't, 'cos if we can do it, anyone's in with a shout.



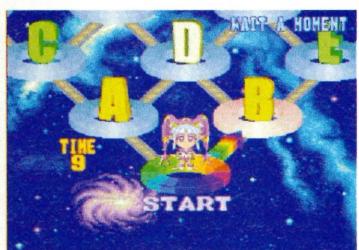
## One-upmanship

One thing's for sure: to get the most out of this baby, you'd better get together with some mates, 'cos it's the kind of game that benefits from getting one over on someone, then running around the room going, 'Yes, yes, yes! You die! Ha, ha, ha!' Immature? Granted. Fun? Most definitely.



## Pull the other

Pulleys, that's what. See, there are balls hanging off each end of a cable, with a pulley in the middle so you got to spread your shots wisely or you'll be a gonner. They've also added a storyline to the game, but be warned, it ain't exactly going to win the Booker prize – but your little sister will love it.



## We'd like to say...

There isn't anything here that's radically different to the previous Bust-A-Move games. Sure there are new puzzles, levels and characters, but is it enough to warrant a new version? Mmmm...

## Puking cute

The characters are a bizarre mix of ickle girls, dragons, old men, frog boys, nurses, knights and any other freaks of nature they can cram in. All operate by having special moves based on ball matching and they're all so dead cute and cuddly, even the most hard-nosed cynic can't help but melt like a slab of lard in the midday sun...



Yup, this is more of the same, only now with added puzzlement. Still great fun, and muchos addictive – especially in two-player – but is it new enough? Rich

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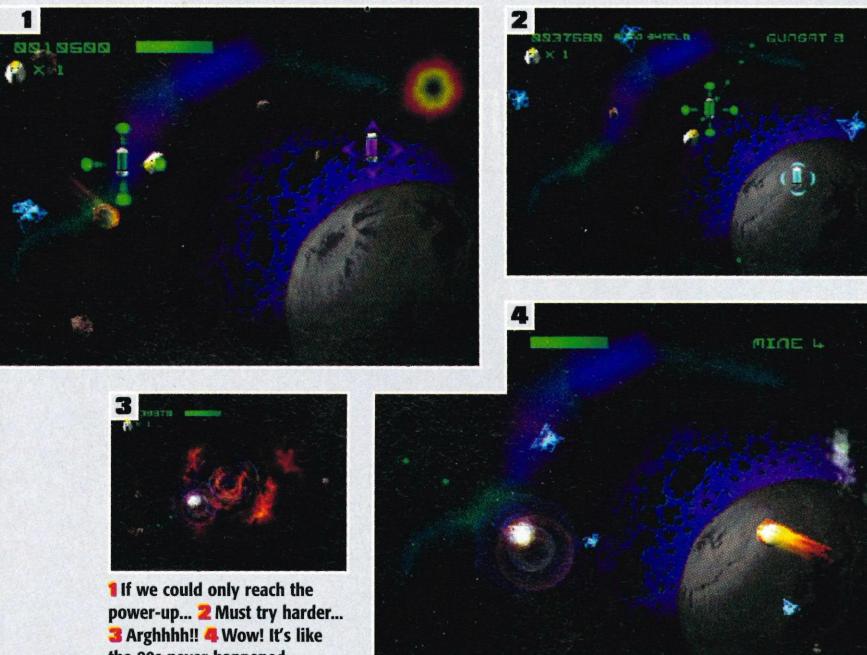
# ASTEROIDS

Anyone up for a revival? Here come legwarmers, ra-ra skirts and... Asteroids.

**R**evivo, the Dark God of cultural reanimation, has had enough of his latest playthings, Run DMC, Culture Club and Duran Duran. Casting his eye over the debris of the 80s, he alights upon this, Asteroids. 'Hmm,' he thinks, 'This'll do...'

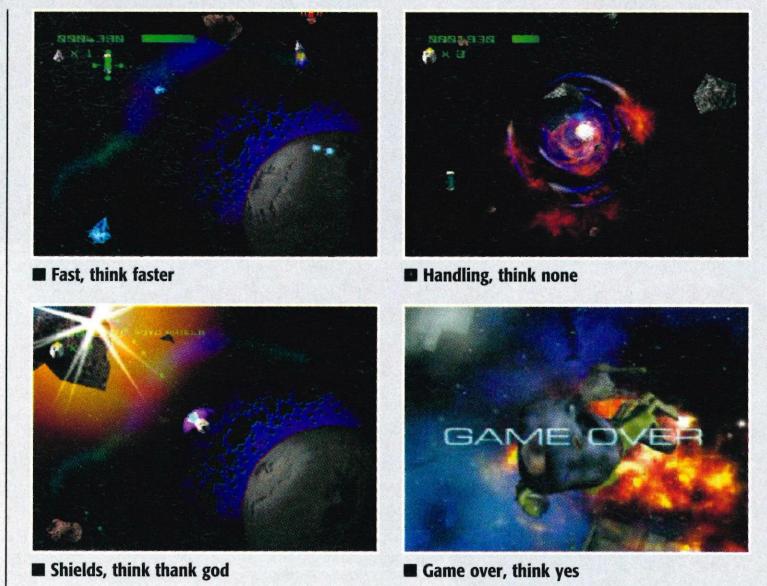
## Remixed for 98

This update can boast gameplay almost as basic as the original version. It's just you, some space rock, a bunch of power-ups and a smattering of aliens. Add to this a dash of hyperspace and a bunch of comets and you're looking at a hearty but simple example of game fare. Oh yes, The Dark God Revivo would be proud...



## Control freak

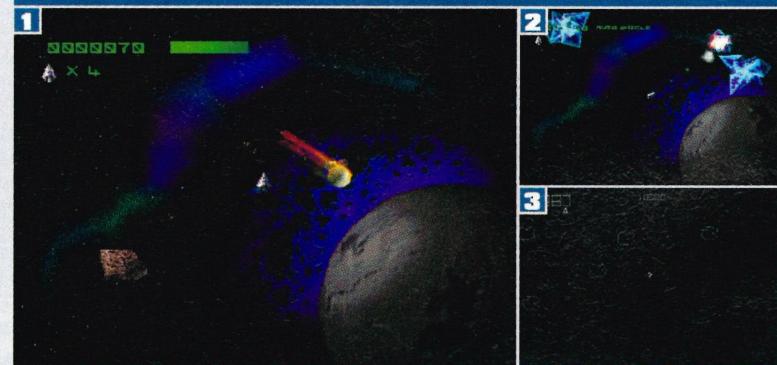
There's a fair selection of weaponry at your disposal. You can't miss them, they look like flashing thermos flasks and they float tantalisingly close to you. A word of caution though, they also float around close to asteroids so control is the keyword. Don't just steam over to grab them 'cos you'll get mashed. And in space no-one can hear you scream.



## What we don't like

### Same old

You'd think with the muscle of the 'Station at their disposal the lads that made this'd be able to develop levels that at least looked different. But no, it looks the same, except it gets more difficult. Like, great...



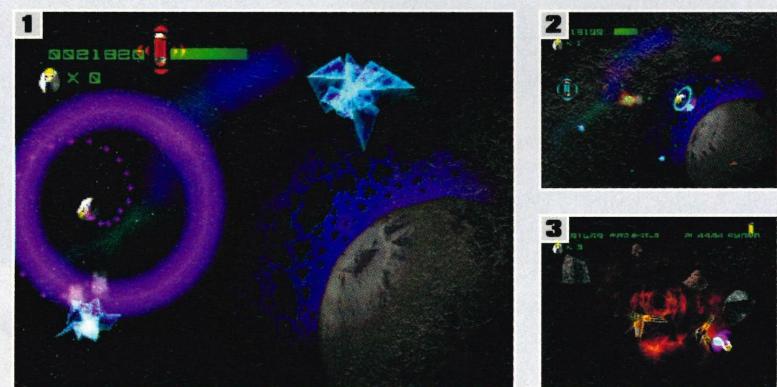
1 This is level one... 2 This is level ten... 3 This is the original version. Spot the difference

**plus**

**We'd like to say...**  
Back in the dark ages this beaut was a class item. This update is undoubtedly pretty basic, but get this, it's quite good fun in a 'Wow-haven't-games-changed?' kinda way. The only question is how long will the amusement last? Not long we'd say...

## Galaxy defenders

The choice of spaceships is limited to four different craft, all with individual characteristics. Some have better shields than others, some go faster. It's probably best to go for an all-rounder to start off with as it's way too easy to slam on the thrusters, overshoot your mark and find yourself plastered to the side of a heavenly body.



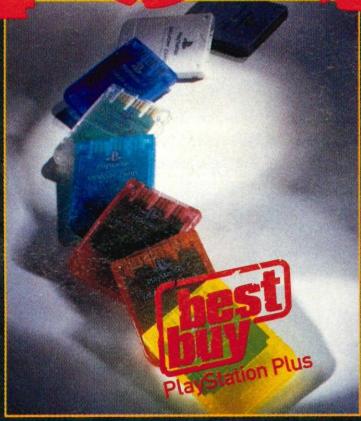
1 This is a rockin' weapon 2 Just head for the flashy lights to pick up special weapons 3 Rush hour in the asteroid belt, but watch out for the mean-looking black hole

Asteroids is not at all bad. At the least, it's pretty faithful to the original, so if you yearn for old skool updates get it. As for the rest of us, don't expect too much. Rich

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# MAX POWER RACING

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**G**et yourself a production car, stick a bloody great spoiler on it, spraypaint it a ridiculous shade of dayglo pink, lower the ride height, stiffen the coils, crank the tunes up and burn around council estates. Yep. It's Max Power Racing...

## What we like

### Damage

One of the few problems with the mighty Gran Turismo is that even if you drive like a mad bastid, you still can't smash the cars up. Not so with Max Power Racing. Fall off the track and your car gets seriously messed up, which affects the overall speed and handling of your vehicle. And we reckon that's a good thing.



■ Ouch, that looks like a nasty one



■ That'll be your windscreen shattered



■ Try driving at night with smashed headlights



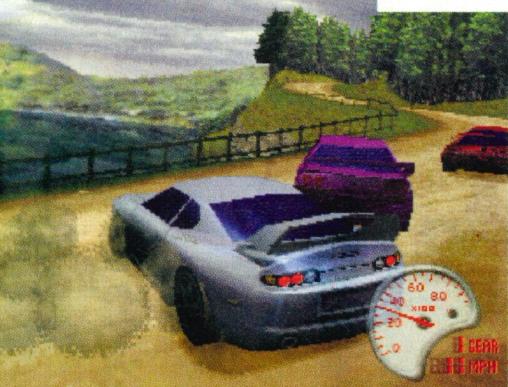
■ Bend your frame, lose performance



■ 1st +0.0km 0:47



■ 2nd +0.0km 1:04:32 1/3



1 A nudge from behind will see you spinning off the circuit in no time. Nasty 2 Just don't expect the other geezers to move over for you, OK? They'd rather ram you off the road than let you past. Bastids 3 Ops. Looks like you came off worst in that one

### Tuning

It wouldn't be Max Power Racing if it didn't have an extensive car tuning option. This one allows you to tinker with just about every nut and bolt of your chosen car, tweaking it to suit the tracks and your driving style. But unlike most racers, this appears to make a big difference to the way you perform, allowing you to shave seconds off your best times.

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Low	1st Gear Ratio
Low	2nd Gear Ratio
Low	3rd Gear Ratio
Low	4th Gear Ratio
Low	5th Gear Ratio
Low	Final Ratio (Close)
Low	Final Ratio (Normal)



1 Shorten your gear ratio for better acceleration 2 Lower the ride height for more top speed

3 Increase the downforce to give your car better grip around the tight bends

### Road rage

This ain't no Sunday afternoon jaunt in the country. There's no gentlemanly conduct here. No waving other drivers by. This is racing for REAL men. Competition is stiff. Other cars will stop at nothing to prevent you from getting past, even if it means ramming you off the road. We warned you.



### Eye candy

Full credit to the lads. They've busted their collective balls to get Max Power Racing looking the mutt's nuts. And it does. Problem is, we've been spoilt by the retina-ripping Gran Turismo, which makes everything else look a bit crap by comparison. There are nice touches, like the mud sticks to your car, then washes off when you go through a puddle. But it isn't gonna set the world alight.

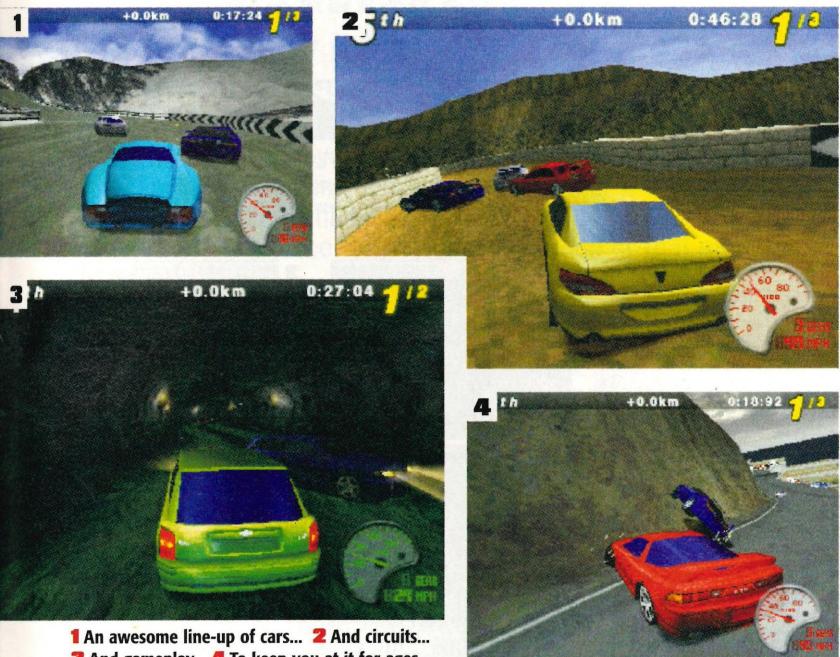


1 The reflections on the bodywork look well smart 2 Check out the cool lighting effects 3 Weather effects are top but the cars still look a bit 'boxy'



## Oh my God, it's huge!

Variety is the name of the game here and Max Power Racing's got shitloads of it. There are around 25 cars to customise and race, 30 odd courses over ten different countries to race through, championship and arcade modes, a massive tuning option and a cool multiplayer mode. It'll have you hooked for weeks. Or at least until Ridge Racer 4.



**plus**

### We'd like to say...

Suffering from post-Chrimbo blues? Then you can't go far wrong with Max Power Racing. Sure, it ain't quite up there with Gran Turismo and Colin McRae Rally, but it's got enough cars, tracks and options to see you well into the New Year. Well worth the outlay.

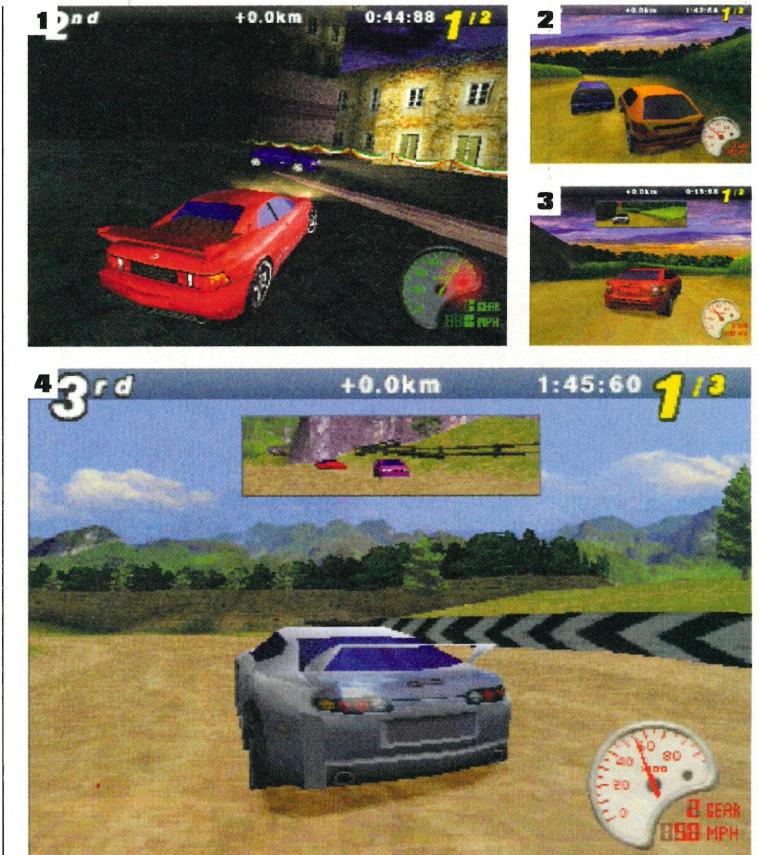
## Satanic circuits

The circuits in Max Power Racing must have been designed by Lucifer and his Satanic minions. You'll be doing a ton down a long stretch of tarmac, when all of a sudden they chuck a 180° hairpin bend in front of you. Or a ridiculously narrow tunnel section. Or a water jump. Or an icy stretch of road. Bastids.



## Can you handle it?

What makes or breaks a racing game these days is the handling of the cars. Gran Turismo went for ultra-realistic precision driving. Colin McRae Rally opted for a more forgiving style. Max Power Racing is somewhere in the middle — you feel as though you're driving a real car, but you can slide it about a great deal more than in real life. Which we like.



## Two can play this game

Two-player racing games are never much cop, but this one's actually pretty decent. It manages to retain all the in-yer-face speed of the one-player game, with hardly any loss in trackside detail. The only real downer is that you can't have a vertical split-screen, which means you've gotta put up with a limited field of vision. But it's still well worth a look.



This is top stuff. It's a dream to pick up and play, it's packed with super-skiddy thrills and spills and the tuning option's top. Well worth splashing the cash for. Lee

**PlayStation**  
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RATED 90%

# KNOCKOUT KINGS

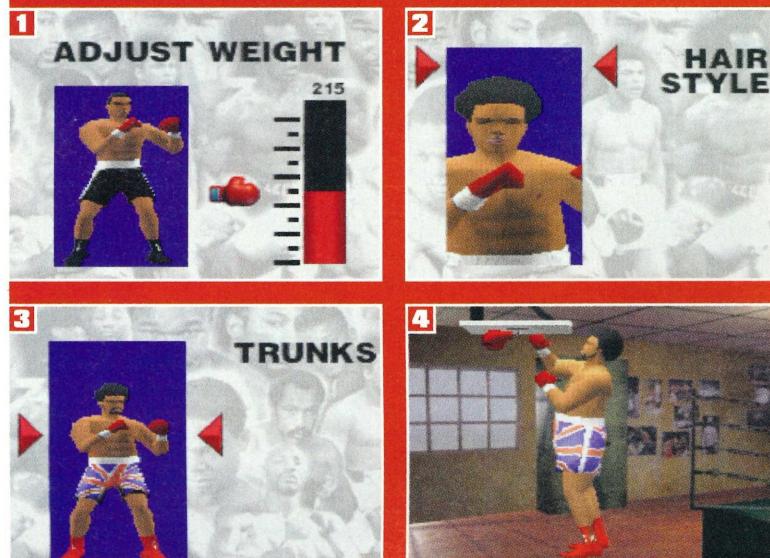
Vicious fisticuffs without permanent brain damage...

**T**here's only one thing quite as satisfying as watching two steroid-quaffing Neanderthals beat the absolute shit out of each other with nothing but their fists — and that's doing the thumping yourself. With Knockout Kings, you can do just that.

## What we like

### Make men of 'em

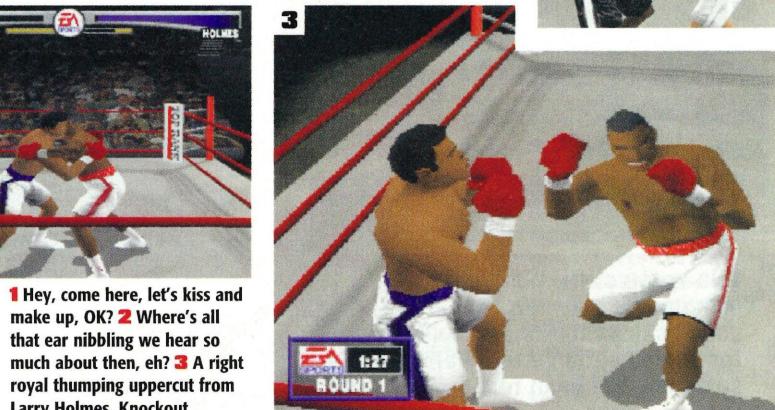
Choose to fight as Mohammed Ali, Evander Holyfield, or even better, create your own fighter. Select the weight class, boxing style, height, weight, hairstyle and colour, facial hair and characteristics, skin tone, gloves, trunks, boots, training programme and, breath, a fear-inducing name. And as they say in the great Blue Peter tradition — here's one we made earlier.



1 Pack on the pounds, but you don't want him as fat as Foreman 2 Get yourself BIG disco hair to distract the other fighters 3 Union Jack shorts are an absolute MUST 4 Choose the speed bag training to increase your geezer's stamina

## Rumble in the jungle

Forget the usual fireballs, dragon punches, punch/kick combos and limb-severing specials of a million other beat 'em ups. All you've got here are your two fists and head. Think tactical. Brains over balls-out bravado wins every time. Soften the other geezer with a few jabs to the abdomen, forcing him to lower his guard so you can land him with a big right-hander and knock the bastid out cold. Nice one.



1 Hey, come here, let's kiss and make up, OK? 2 Where's all that ear nibbling we hear so much about then, eh? 3 A right royal thumping uppercut from Larry Holmes. Knockout

## Graphics

The graphics aren't half bad and there are loads of different camera angles which give the game a sort of television broadcast feel to it. You can even inhabit the body of your fighter and play the match looking through his puffed-up eyes. Which we like. But it looks bollocks alongside the likes of Tekken 3.



1 The fighters actually look like the real-life versions 2 Watch the ruck from anywhere in the ring... 3 Even through the eyes of your fighter



### We'd like to say...

Knockout Kings isn't a crap game. It's just that it's a boxing game. And, as we know from painful experience, the noble art of boxing doesn't translate well to the PlayStation. It's slower than a tortoise suffering from arthritis, has an incredibly small range of moves and is just plain boring. Maybe they should consider doing a badger baiting game. I'd pay money to see it.

## Gameplay

Play through the career mode and take your slugger through a load of fights until he eventually becomes World Champion. But you won't. Nope. You'll get bored and turn it off before you even get to challenge the top ten fighters. You see, the action plods along at a mind-numbing pace, with little variety in the moves and absolutely none of the adrenaline-pumping thrills we all crave from a decent beat 'em up. Shame really.



1 Lewis vs Holyfield — it's gonna happen next spring 2 He's floored him. That'll be a knockout 3 A wild right-hander from the lard-arse 4 Ali in his pre-Parkinson's days

Hmmm. Using your fists to bludgeon a bloke around the head has got to be a laugh for a while... but you'll soon be itching for some 36-hit combo action. Lee

PlayStation  
plus

RATED 67%

# MEGAMAN X4

Wanted: funny ickle people for a spot of world saving. Bright uniform required, dull personality essential.

When you were young, did you ever wander around the arcades thinking, why on earth did that bloke put money into a game which is that bad? Well, fast forward roughly 15 years and welcome to the console version of that scenario...

## Deja vu

So there you are jumping from platform to platform, as one of two characters, saving the world from mavericks who are hellbent on destroying the planet. Hmm, haven't heard that one before. It's about as fresh as the plot to most pornos, minus the cheap kicks. It shares the same overuse of colour, but hey, where's the sexy sax solo?



1 He's little but hard



2 Meltdown approaching 3 Pow

## Old drool

There once was a time when gamers got stiffies by playing games that consisted of little more than strolling along a platform 'killing' huge robot-type baddies. Yes, we really were that easy to impress — sweet. Now the idea of spending hours gazing at the side profile of characters excites the average punter about as much as the prospect of spending half an hour in the company of a Trappist monk.



■ The future depends on you — yawn



■ He'll be the baddie then

This is such a worn path that it's in danger of turning into a trench. When platformers have come so far this sort of stuff shouldn't have a place in your collection. Rich

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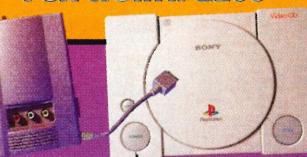
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# CRASH BANDICOOT 3

Apples! Crates of them! High-speed running and jumping! Manic twisting and turning! Yup, the marsupial of your dreams is back!

**P**latform star and international playboy Mr C Bandicoot returns to the worldwide stage. His fifth marriage is going well. He's shaken off his debilitating Valium addiction. His third game's in the shops. This mammal is on the up and up...

## What we like

### Looky looky!

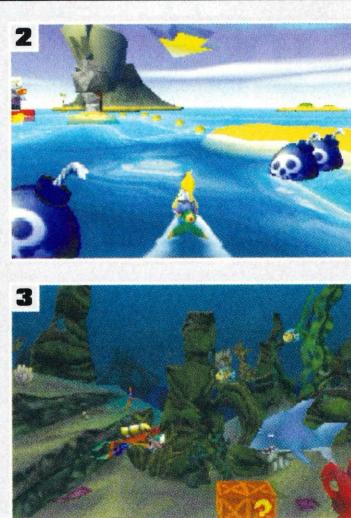
They've really broken out tins of 'Graphical Flash' and 'Good Golly it's Party' for this 'un. Crash wasn't a bad-looking beast before, but now he's really been given the treatment. All the levels look scrotum-tighteningly cool, but some of 'em are just drop-dead. We've oohed and aahed over this one. And we don't ooh easy.



1 Oooh! 2 Aaaaah! 3 Wow! 4 Jeepers! 5 Fan-dabby-double-doozy!

### New stuff

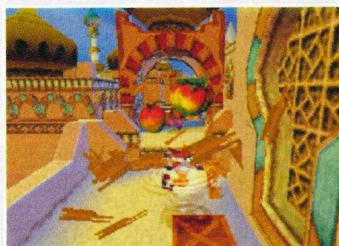
Crash One. Lotsa hole jumping. Occasional wildlife-riding and ball-avoidance. Crash Two: see entry for Crash One. And Crash Three? Well, it ain't exactly a whole new ball-game, but they've made efforts. There's racing levels, underwater levels, the extra cool jet ski levels, jetpack levels. Observe.



1 Underwater shit 2 Racing shit 3 Jet ski shit. Well cool. Gaze at the box entitled 'Coolness' to gauge its dark power

### Fasta

What sets our little orange marsupial chum apart from his platform rivals like obese eyetie oaf Mario and morally suspect reptile Spyro is his ability to put on a fair lick of speed. Most levels are played at Mach 1 throughout. Crash comes with racing stripes and fury dice as standard. We like this.



■ Run, rat-like creature! Run!



■ Move like the wind!



1 Scuttle like you've never scuttled before 2 And that's all before he's got his mitts on a vehicle... 3 And believe us, behind the wheel, he's a bleedin' demon

### Comeback king

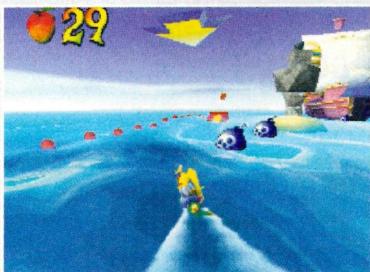
All you game-hungry young whippersnappers might be wondering how much meat there is on that scrawny orange mammal. We can report: plenty. 100 levels enough for you, sir? And did we mention all the hidden bonuses and shit that'll have you crawling back to this one for days and days...



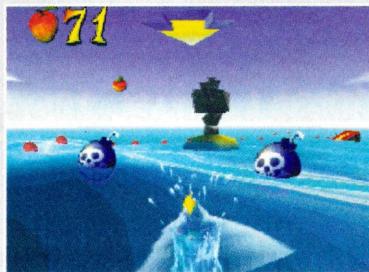
1 Collect funny bits to get to new... funny bits 2 On each level, there're loadsa prizes to collect. Prizes which you'll have to go back for 3 ... And considering there's a hundred levels in there, that's a lot of gaming. Plus there's all sorts of secret stuff. Including a demo of Spyro. Apparently

## Coolness!

There're some things so cool they just have to be put in a box on their own. We've known this for some time. Someday we'll release Fonz from Happy Days from that crate in the corner where we've imprisoned him. This jet ski racing level from Crash 3 also achieves that level of coolness. This is its box. It's richly deserved.



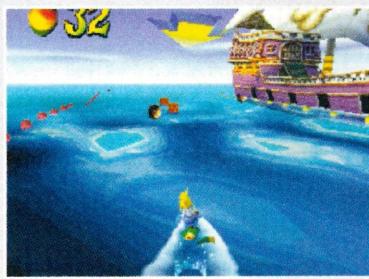
■ Waves! Proper waves!



■ And the jet ski handling is well cool



■ You get to do stunts. And then avoid bombs



■ And there's even pirates. Yo ho ho. And all that

## plus

### We'd like to say...

OK. It's a fair cop. There's more shit to do in here than in the earlier Bandicoots, sure, but it ain't a whole new ball game. If collecting apples and running at high speed towards a seemingly endless stream of malevolent kooks sounds shit to you, give this a miss. Look elsewhere for your so-called 'depth' and 'sophistication'. Tossbag.

## All the goodness of natural apples

Ah, c'est le platform action? You must collect ze... 'ow you say leetle bonuses, non? Mais oui. The thrust of the game's what you expect from any small animal that lives by the platform. Collect apples, jump over enormous holes, avoid natives. And that patented Bandicoot 'run from enormous thing' kind of action...



Plays fast and loose, and looks-wise it's a little cracker. Not the most innovative offering we've ever seen, but a stonking platformer. Fun for all. Yes, even for you. Rob

**PlayStation**  
plus  
**RATED 89%**

■ OUT NOW ■ BY SCI ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

# LIVE WIRE!

Aaaaiieee! The colours! My eyes are melting!

We've done puzzle games. We've lived on the streets, panhandling passers-by for the cash for a few more lines of Tetris. Years of rehab later, we can even say 'Tetris' without twitching. But wossthis? More puzzle action? Jeez...

## Kiddie kolours!

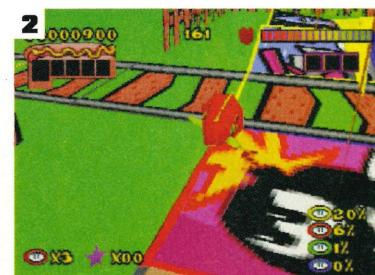
Sheesh. Another game with an exclamation mark in the title. Don't they realise we're too old and tired for this constant enthusiasm? Okay. Just this one more burst of energy. Live Wire's a puzzle game! Make boxes! Do it again! Use power-ups! Make more boxes! OK, we're weary now. Can we lie down? Please?



- 1 You're a cute blob thing 2 Draw lines, comme ça... 3 And then once you've made a box, it flips. Simple, huh? 4 ...If it wasn't for those other little buggers flipping your boxes behind your back 5 And coming after you with bastard-hard power-ups

## Boxing clever

Make boxes! You're on a grid, and you've got to draw lines round boxes, and make 'em flip. Flip the right ones, and you'll get power-ups like bombs and machine guns to ice the other players with. Keep flipping till you've flipped the whole flippin' world, and win. The good news is up to four'll be able to take part in split-screen. Clever.



- 1 Mind out for obstacles scattered around. Bad tree! Down boy! 2 Last man standing wins. He'll get keys and bonuses 3 Grab power-ups from baddies by flipping boxes they got theirs from

There's fun bits in here, and the four-player's vaguely worth a look, but it doesn't quite gel. Sad, really. Still, better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick. Rob

**PlayStation**  
plus  
**RATED 65%**

■ OUT NOW ■ BY UBISOFT ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# ALL-STAR TENNIS

'All-Star' Tennis? All of the stars? Where's Sampras, then, huh?

**J**ust as winter really begins to bite, this crops up to remind you of those balmy summer days quaffing champers at Wimbledon. Whassat? You were sitting in semi-darkness with cans of power lager, Regal Full Strength and the footy? Oh.

## Looks

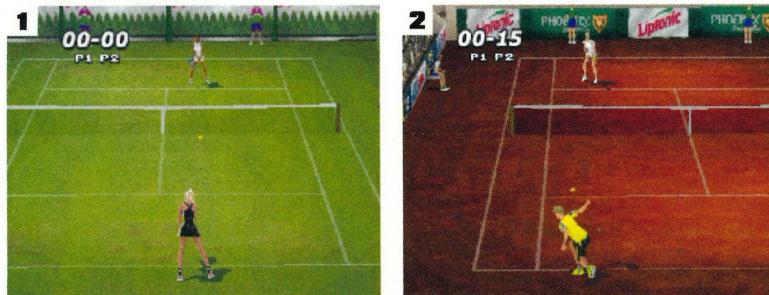
Drop-dead pug-ugly has been about standard for 'Station tennis efforts, with a few really jaw-droppingly bogging games out there. This fella isn't a real stinker, but there's blotches on its strawberry-and-cream-tinged complexion. The animation for starters. The Muppets Play Tennis. Dear oh dear.



1 Not the finest looking thing we've ever seen 2 And hang on a tick. Where're the stars? All-Star Tennis? Kiss my cheeks... 3 And it ain't startlingly buggy either...

## Hen! Man!

Novelty mode alert. Bomb Tennis. Imagine (insert name of tennis star) as a charred corpse on the centre court. It's like tennis with comedy minefields in it. No good. But the normal mode is a laugh. Plenty shots and players with different abilities and shit. That'll do us.



1 There's different shots to be a-shooting... 2 And comedy moves as well 3 This isn't going to change your life 4 And the Bomb Tennis really isn't 5 Five seconds of amusement. Then crushing tedium

**Rent it** Not a real startler, thanks to sniffy looks, but there's a reasonable game in there. Don't go writing home about it, but maybe rent and see... Rob

PlayStation<sup>plus</sup>

RATED 71%

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

# SMALL SOLDIERS

Proof, if ever it were needed, that size doesn't matter. Phew!

Isn't it amazing how the title 'Small Soldiers' manages to conjure up images of toy soldiers marching triumphantly into battle. How different things could have been had it been called, say, Pygmy Paratroopers or Dwarves of Death.

## Gameplay

It's a typical Tomb Raider-esque sort of game: explore the huge 3D levels, destroy the enemy commando unit, search for hidden keys to unlock secret areas, collect more powerful weapons, free your Gorgonite comrades. It's mildly entertaining for a while, but we've seen it all a million times before.

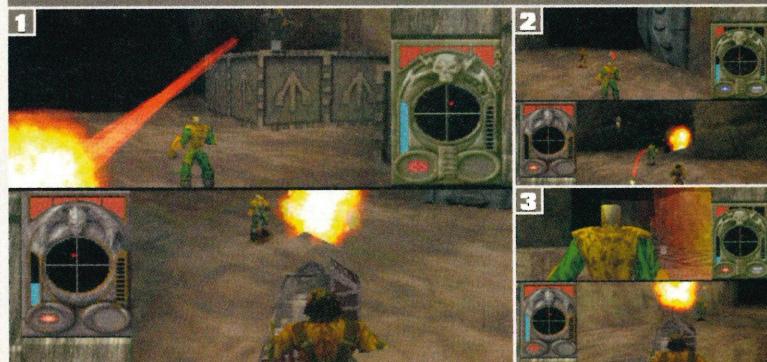


1 You'll need that to open doors  
2 Plenty of stuff to shoot  
3 Die, you evil toy soldier, die!  
4 It ain't exactly brain surgery

## What we don't like

### Deathmatches

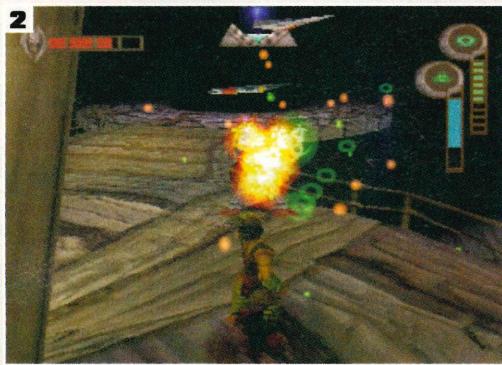
The death match game allows you and a mate to run around the huge 3D levels and blast the crap out of each other. Problem is, with it being a split-screen affair, your opponent can see exactly where you are and what you're up to, making it impossible to spring a surprise attack. So it becomes a case of whoever draws first, wins. Which is a bit cack really.



1 The radar kinda gives away your location... 2 So there's no point in hiding... 3 Unless you want your nads stomped all over

## Graphics

The graphics are decent enough, but certainly nothing to shout about. Top levels, detailed enemy commando soldiers and the special effects are way cool. But the levels are pretty samey throughout, with little to distinguish one from another. Not quite in the same league as the million dollar computer animated movie.



■ 1 The special effects are enough to make you cack your naks ■ 2 But the 3D levels are a bit dull-looking ■ 3 Muzzle flash, presumably

■ 4 Look, pretty colours

**plus**

### We'd like to say...

What is the point in snapping up a movie licence, only to go and totally abandon the plot of the film? What happened to cute little toy soldiers running around suburbia wreaking all sorts of havoc on the human residents? There's none of that here. Instead we've got a cacka Tomb Raider clone which should be well avoided.

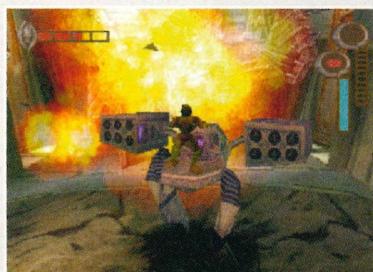
## Weapons

'Course if you're gonna fend off hordes of toy commandos, you'll need some serious firepower. No problemo. This game's got it in spades. From the standard plasma rifle to the more powerful railgun, 'for when you absolutely positively have to vaporise every mutha in the room, accept no substitute.' Cool.



■ The plasma rifle ain't bad...

■ But the railgun is a million times better



■ Take out several enemies at once

■ Ooooh, big guns on stilts

We had such high expectations for Small Soldiers. But it's total pants. There's little variety in the gameplay, the graphics are dull and it's nothing like the movie. Lee

**PlayStation  
plus**  
**RATED 58%**

■ OUT NOW ■ BY VIRGIN ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

# MEGAMAN LEGENDS

'More Megaman?' 'Kill me. Kill me, please...'

Things ain't good in the Land of the Rising Sun. It's raining stockbrokers in Tokyo. The average income's dropped to about £5 a week. But their games are still happy. And how.

## What you see

Ever wondered what happens if you crunch up a year's supply of Prozac in one happy sitting? Just check out Megaman Legends. Happy colours. Sinister happy children. And Big. Happy. Eyes. Too happy? We'd be cynical old bastards if we said yes. Oh, alright then. Yes.

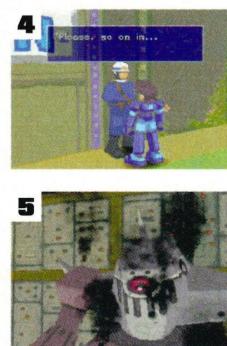


■ Aaaiee! Get those horrible eyes away from me!

■ Please, make the colours less bright. Please?

## What you get

Kiddie's where it's at. Talk to a motley assortment of people in a tasteful selection of retina-scorching bright clothing. Go on little missions. Kill appealing little robots. Pick up items. All in 3D, too. And did we mention the amazing use of colour? Did we? Huh?



■ 1 Talk to colourful people ■ 2 Go to colourful places ■ 3 Shoot colourful things ■ 4 Collect items to help your colourful quests ■ 5 Feel your brain dissolve into a watery soup. It doesn't hurt, though

Someday the Japanese will learn that Megaman is really, really bollocks. This is duller than The Archers. It's simple to play. But soon you'll wish you hadn't. Rob

**PlayStation  
plus**  
**RATED 40%**

■ OUT DECEMBER ■ BY SONY ■ COSTS £34.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2  
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

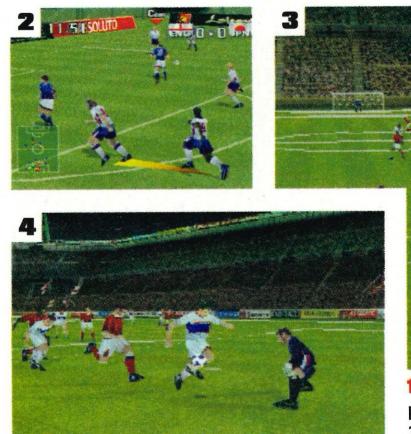
# LIBERO GRANDE

Arcade footy game makes it to the 'Station. And it's pants.

We love the beautiful game of football more than we love life itself. It fills our thoughts. It drains our dosh. It's our religion. So you can imagine how angry we get when we see it treated like this. Real angry...

## Going solo

In Libero Grande you control just one player. It sounds a bit weird, but trust us, it does work and it makes the whole game a much more tactical affair. Still, its main drawback is that you hardly ever get to touch the ball, which makes for exceptionally dull and uneventful matches.



1 We can't fault the graphics 2 Players and pitches look cool 3 But you've only got a one in 22 chance of touching the ball 4 Which is toss

## What we don't like

### Multiplayer games

The best bit of any kickabout is usually the multiplayer game – but not with Libero Grande. The two-player matches just don't work, simply because it's a split-screen game. You only get to see a tiny part of the pitch, which makes passing the ball to one of your teammates a matter of luck rather than skill. And that's bollocks in anyone's book.



1 The tiny view makes it impossible to see what's going on 2 Wahoo! We finally get to touch the ball 3 Oh and he's bloused it

Some cool ideas put a novel twist on the tried and tested footy format. But cool ideas do not a game make and it simply doesn't work. Leave well alone. Lee

**PlayStation**  
plus

RATED 60%

■ OUT NOW ■ BY UBISOFT ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1  
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# SHADOW GUNNER

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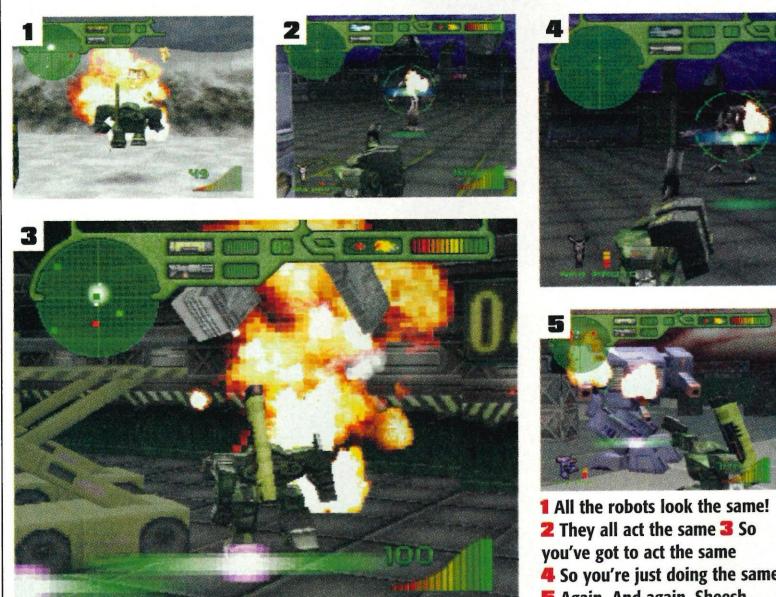
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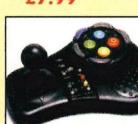
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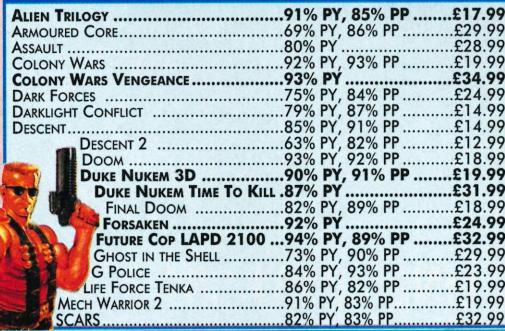
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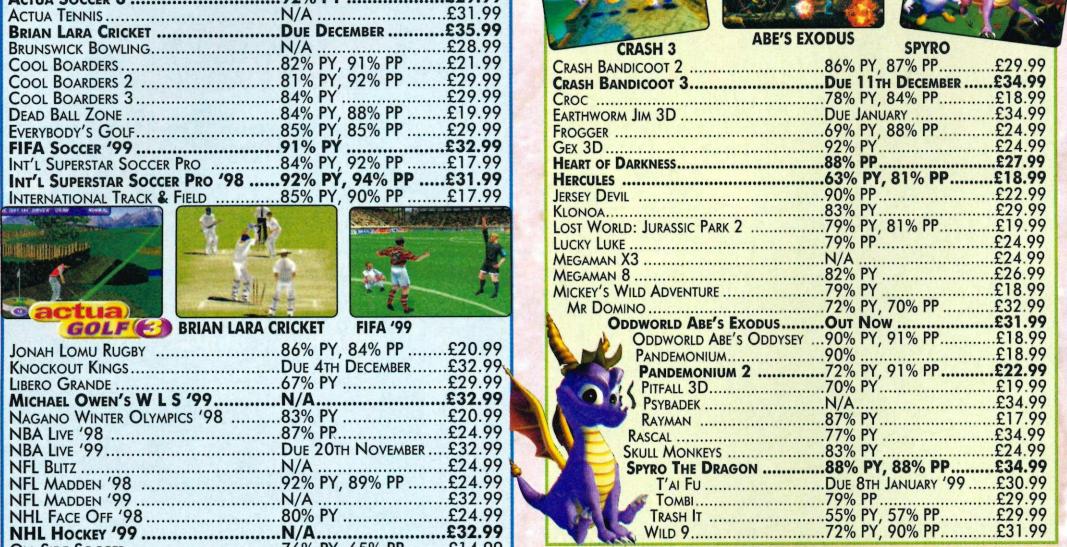


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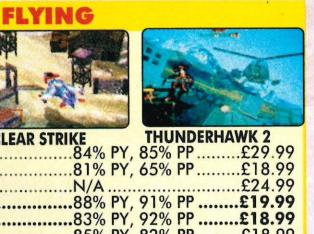
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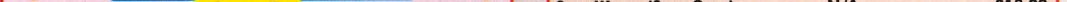
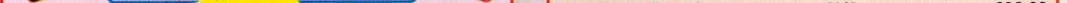
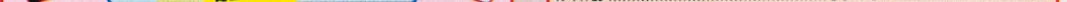
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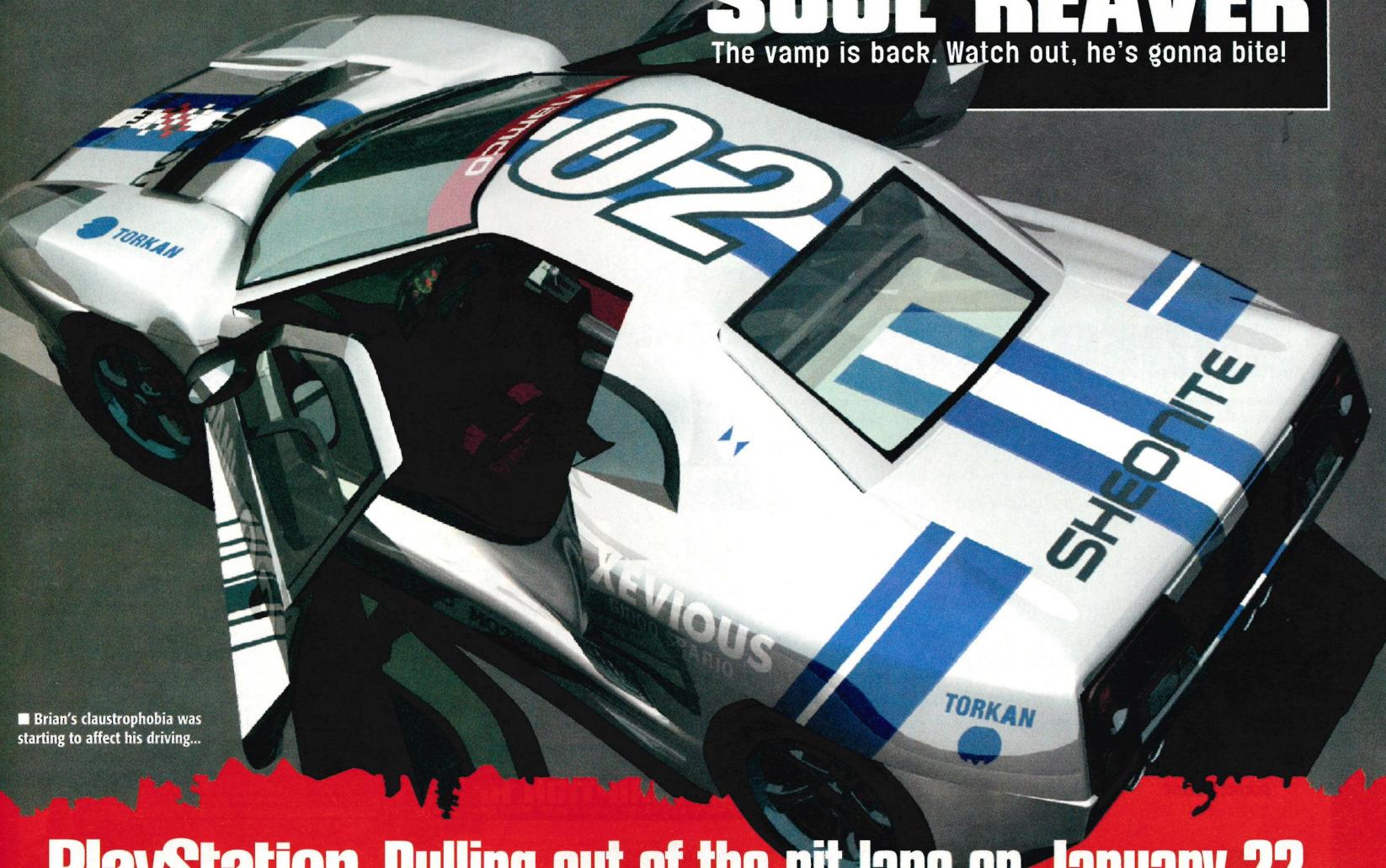
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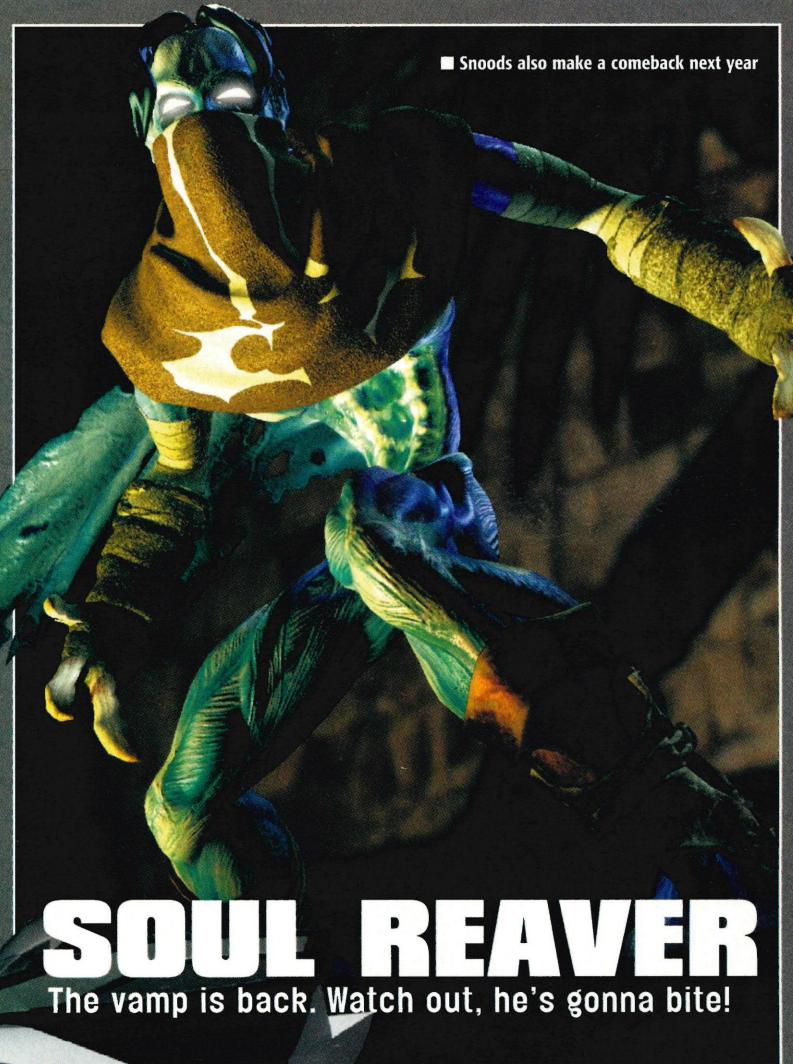
Shit-hot stuff including Akuji the Heartless Viva Football WCW Vs NWO Thunder Tiger Woods 99 Monkey Hero and stacks more. Be there!



■ Brian's claustrophobia was starting to affect his driving...

## The Works

■ Snoods also make a comeback next year



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- 0-50% ..... **Total toss**
- 51-60% ..... **Just toss**
- 61-70% ..... **Only OK**
- 71-80% ..... **Good, not great**
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## Rental Chart



Wanna try before you buy?  
The hottest rentals this month

- Key:
- (NE) New Entry
  - (RE) Re-Entry
  - (4) Position Last Month
  - (-) Same Position

1. (4) **Formula 1 98 (Psygnosis)**  
Racing revamp gets pole position.
2. (NE) **Apocalypse (Activision)**  
Bruce's shoot 'em up makes top two.
3. (NE) **Small Soldiers (EA)**  
Film tie-in which looks nothing like it.
4. (NE) **Tenchu (Activision)**  
Ninjas creep, silently, into the top ten.
5. (NE) **Tomb Raider III (Eidos)**  
Straight in there for our Lara.
6. (8) **Spyro the Dragon (Sony)**  
Cute puff goes down a flamin' storm.
7. (NE) **Michael Owen's WLS (Eidos)**  
Boy wonder's footy sim's a winner.
8. (NE) **FIFA 98 (EA)**  
The Southend of soccer sims.
9. (NE) **Duke Nukem: Time to Kill (GT)**  
The Pork beater's back in time...
10. (-) **Tekken 3 (Sony)**  
Best beat 'em up's still a winner.

**2Xtreme** £44.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Really poor sequel to Extreme Games. Very few improvements.

55%

**3D Lemmings** £44.99

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗

Smart 3D graphics, but uninteresting and awkward gameplay.

81%

**4-4-2** £34.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

An absolute disgrace of a football game. The worst on the PlayStation.

14%

**Abe's Exodus** £39.99

■ Company GT Interactive ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Awesome sequel with even more to do than the first one.

91%

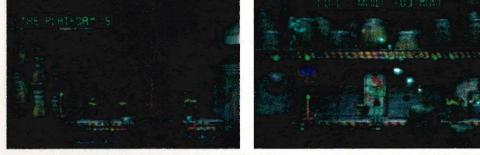


**Abe's Oddysee** £44.99

■ Company GT Interactive ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Great-looking and great-playing weirdo adventure.

91%



**Actua Golf** £44.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Cyber-golf at its most realistic. The best golf game on the PlayStation.

88%



**Actua Golf 2** £44.95

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Rent it

Cosmetic improvements only, power-bar controls are a bit too familiar...

83%

**Actua 3** £39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓

Much-improved golf sim that looks goyish and plays smooth, too.

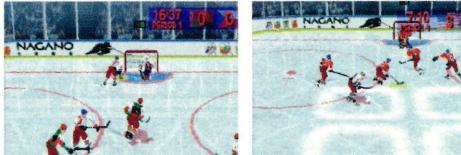
90%

**Actua Ice Hockey** £39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✗ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓

Looks sweet, plays juicy. Well tasty pick up n' play ice hockey effort.

91%



**Actua Soccer** £19.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Platinum

3D graphics eclipsed by flawed gameplay. Nice, but a little dated.

68%

**Actua Soccer 2** £39.99

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓

Tasty footy sim that looks brilliant but plays even better.

93%



**Actua Soccer 3** £39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓

Footie game that loses its grip in the wake of the far superior ISS pro 98.

79%

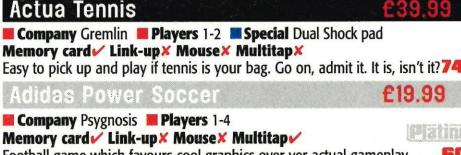


**Actua Soccer: Club Edition** £44.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Same as Actua Soccer, but has Premier teams. Too little too late...

60%



**Actua Tennis** £39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2  
Special Dual Shock pad

Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Easy to pick up and play if tennis is your bag. Go on, admit it. It is, isn't it?

74%



**Adidas Power Soccer** £19.99

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓

Platinum

Football game which favours cool graphics over yer actual gameplay.

60%

## Jargonbuster!

### How our listings work

**Company:** Who sells it? **Players:** How many can play? **Memory Card:** Can you use one to save games? **Link-up:** Can two players play on two machines? **Mouse:** Do you need one? **Multitap:** Allows lots of players to play **Special:** Guns or special controllers?

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<b>Adidas Power Soccer 98</b>	£34.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Crappy old footy game doesn't cut the mustard.	55%
<b>Adidas Soccer International 97</b>	£44.95
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ A follow-up to Adidas Power Soccer, also pretty shite.	70%
<b>Agent Armstrong</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Mindless blasting, easy puzzles and daft graphics... OK, but that's all.	75%
<b>Agile Warrior</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Fairly challenging arcade-style aircraft shoot 'em up. Neat, but no cigar...	85%
<b>Air Combat</b>	£19.99
■ Company Namco ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ A miss from Namco? Yeah: tedious, lacks depth and variety.	85%
<b>Ace Combat 2</b>	£34.99
■ Company Namco ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad, NegCon Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Fighter pilot extravaganza. Buy planes, and shoot everything!	85%
<b>Air Race</b>	£44.99
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Racing takes to the skies. Easy to pick up and fun to play.	76%
<b>Al Evolution Global</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ An A+ for averageness in this overwhelming resource management sim.	86%
<b>Alien Trilogy</b>	£19.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Excellent Doom-clone which captures all the scares of the films.	85%
<b>All Star Soccer</b>	£44.95
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Tries to mix footie and humour. Doesn't make much of a job of either...	34%
<b>Alone In The Dark</b>	£39.95
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Interesting puzzles fail to make up for the game's dated presentation.	82%
<b>Alundra</b>	£39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Excellent RPG that's easy to play but hard to put down.	91%
	
<b>Andretti Racing</b>	£44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ A lightweight alternative to the fantastic Formula 1.	85%
<b>Aquanaut's Holiday</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Environmentally friendly undersea adventure. Very dull.	53%
<b>Area 51</b>	£44.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Light Gun Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ A bland shoot 'em up based on an arcade game.	52%
<b>Ark of Time</b>	£39.99
■ Company ICE ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Dull puzzler game: too boring and too hard.	65%
<b>Armoured Core</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Robot shoot 'em up. Worth a look.	86%
<b>Assault</b>	£39.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Non-stop killing in fast and frantic shoot 'em up.	88%
<b>Assault Rigs</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ A nice idea, but just too simple and too easy for its own good.	81%
<b>Atari Collection</b>	£44.95
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Golden-oldie retro compilation. Ideal for old farts everywhere...	75%
<b>Atari Collection 2</b>	£34.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Only Gauntlet and Millipede shine in rubbish retro collection.	55%

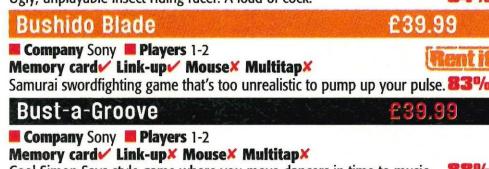
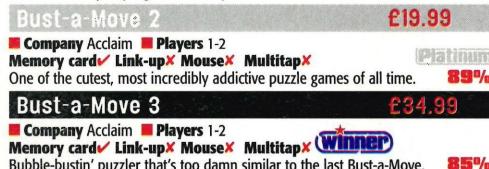
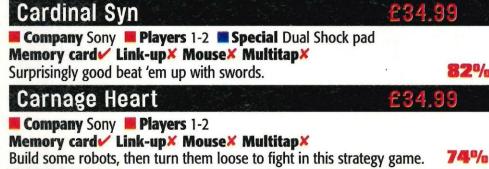
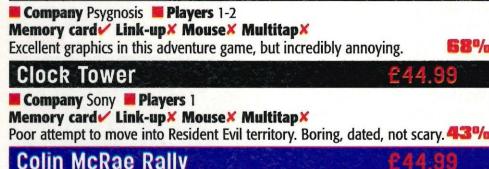
## Is Pamela Anderson an alien?

### She's a People Analysing Mechanism (P.A.M.)



<b>Auto Destruct</b>	£44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz.	77%
<b>Ayrton Senna Kart Duel</b>	£44.99
■ Company Philips ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Very grim and substandard racing game. Avoid at all costs.	32%
<b>Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2</b>	£39.99
■ Company Infogramme ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ A karting game with all the fun of a lobotomy. Yeuch.	35%
<b>Azure Dreams</b>	£39.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ This RPG is packed with interesting ideas. Let down by shit save system.	67%
<b>Baby Universe</b>	£29.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Create weirdo patterns and shapes to music. Not good for migraines.	75%
<b>Ballblazer Champions</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Very fast, very furious and fun: play futuristic footy with spaceships.	87%
<b>Battle Arena Toshinden 2</b>	£49.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Great visuals, but doesn't make it with the gameplay.	71%
<b>Battle Stations</b>	£44.95
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ OK, so this is a pretty concept, but the game itself is poorly done.	52%
<b>Batman Forever</b>	£44.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Total stinker. Beat 'em up boredom, even if you're a bonzo Batfan.	28%
<b>Batman and Robin</b>	£39.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Ambitious, but sadly flawed take on the on the Batman theme.	73%
<b>Beast Wars: Transformers</b>	£39.99
■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Awful, Beryl. Really awful. And you know what I said? I said...	45%
<b>Bedlam</b>	£44.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Tactical blaster, and you do need that mouse to get the most out of it.	87%
<b>Big Hurt Baseball</b>	£44.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Baseball games. Great, eh? A good adaptation of a dull sport.	81%
<b>Biofreaks</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT Interactive ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Gory, good fun and for icing on the cake your fighters can fly.	85%
<b>Black Dawn</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ This sequel to the explosive Agile Warrior is just as good.	86%
<b>Blast Chamber</b>	£44.99
■ Company Activision ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Anyone for a futuristic game of tag? No?	54%
<b>Blasto</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ The kind of game that visits singles bars, goes home alone and cries.	56%
<b>Blast Radius</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Good-looking space blaster only let down by lack of variety.	83%

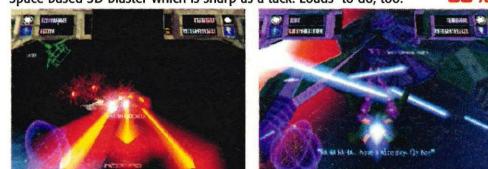
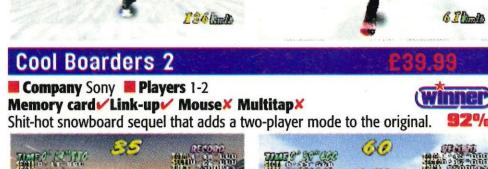
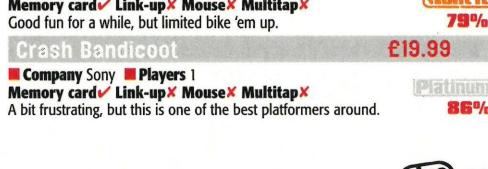
<b>Blam! Machinehead</b>	£44.99
■ Company Core Design ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Hard to work out. But once you get into it, it's a gripping 3D blaster.	89%
<b>Blaze and Blade</b>	£39.99
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Imagine the toilets at an annual tramps convention. This smells worse.	40%
<b>Blazing Dragons</b>	£44.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Graphic adventure. Good humoured, but too much like hard work.	87%
<b>Bloody Roar</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts.	92%
	
<b>B-Movie</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Tongue-in-cheek sci-fi shoot 'em up that really fluffs our pillow.	79%
	
<b>Bomberman World</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Explosive cuties murder 'em up that's a multiplayer must.	83%
<b>Break Point</b>	£44.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Inoffensive tennis game, but the moves take some getting used to.	73%
<b>Brahma Force</b>	£44.95
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up.	73%
<b>Breath of Fire III</b>	£39.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things.	84%
<b>Brian Lara Cricket</b>	£44.95
■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Excellent cricket sim. Bit of a complicated control system, though.	89%
<b>Broken Helix</b>	£39.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up.	70%
	
<b>Broken Sword</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere.	91%
	
<b>Broken Sword 2</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain.	91%
	
<b>Burning Road</b>	£44.99
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Average racer with good gameplay and naff graphics.	88%
<b>Bubble Bobble Pack</b>	£44.95
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Dust down those tank tops, this is one of the best retro collections.	84%
<b>Bubsy 3D</b>	£34.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays toss.	30%
	
<b>Bugsey</b>	£39.99
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Worth-a-look-racer that won't change your life.	78%

<b>Bug Riders</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Ugly, unplayable insect-riding racer. A load of cock.	34%
<b>Bushido Blade</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Samurai swordfighting game that's too unrealistic to pump up your pulse.	83%
	
<b>Bust-a-Groove</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cool Simon Says-style game where you move dancers in time to music.	88%
	
<b>Bust-a-Move 2</b>	£19.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time.	89%
	
<b>Bust-a-Move 3</b>	£34.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move.	85%
	
<b>Cardinal Syn</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Surprisingly good beat 'em up with swords.	82%
	
<b>Carnage Heart</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Build some robots, then turn them loose to fight in this strategy game.	74%
	
<b>Casper</b>	£44.95
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Graphics are fine and dandy, but the gameplay's totally average.	62%
	
<b>Castlevania</b>	£44.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Old school 2D action and gameplay galore in this Dracula spectacular.	89%
	
<b>Cheesy the Mouse</b>	£44.95
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X The awful main character hides some good platform action.	82%
	
<b>Chessmaster 3D</b>	£44.95
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Rough, tough butt-kicking (only joking) chess sim.	87%
	
<b>Chill</b>	£39.99
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone.	82%
	
<b>Circuit Breakers</b>	£39.99
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Mini-racing effort that's a bit too much like Micro Machines.	80%
	
<b>City of The Lost Children</b>	£44.95
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying.	68%
<b>Clock Tower</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Poor attempt to move into Resident Evil territory. Boring, dated, not scary.	43%
<b>Colin McRae Rally</b>	£44.99
■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Superb rally game. Possibly better than sex.	95%
<b>Constructor</b>	£39.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Play at being a landlord. Sounds crap? You're wrong, it's ace.	88%
<b>Contra: Legacy of War</b>	£44.95
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special 3D Glasses Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X 3D Version of the classic shoot 'em up. Solid blasting action.	83%
<b>Cool Boarders</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun.	91%
<b>Cool Boarders 2</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Shit-hot snowboard sequel that adds a two-player mode to the original.	92%
<b>Courier Crisis</b>	£34.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Good fun for a while, but limited bike 'em up.	79%
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 Virgin: 0171 368 2255

<b>Colony Wars</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too.	93%
	
<b>Colony Wars Vengeance</b>	£39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Just-like-Star-Wars dogfights in space sound good to you? Us too.	93%
	
<b>Command and Conquer</b>	£19.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X It's war, and you're the daddy of destruction. A point and click bloodbath.	90%
	
<b>Command and Conquer: Red Alert</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Strategic slaughter 'em up that's even better than the first C&C.	93%
	
<b>Command and Conquer: Retaliation</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Well worthy next stage in an excellent series.	92%
	
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■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Tasty platformer that's more varied than the first Crash.
<b>Crime Killer</b>	£39.99
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Fast mix of driving and shooting lacks variety.
<b>Critical Depth</b>	£34.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Good two-player submarine blast 'em up. Not so cool in single player.
<b>Criticom</b>	£44.99
■ Company Vic Tokai ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken.
<b>Croc</b>	£34.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Cutesy graphics don't spoil this challenging platformer.
<b>Crow 2: City of Angels</b>	£44.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	If you hated the movie, you'll hate this even more. Crap fighting game.
<b>Crusader</b>	£44.95
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Excellent shooting and exploring action in this lone commando game.
<b>Crypt Killer</b>	£44.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Light Gun Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	The worst lightgun game ever. Stay away!
<b>Cyber Sled</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Dull arcade shooting game. Nothing to write home about.
<b>Cyber Speed</b>	£39.99
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	You race about on wires. Not a WipeOut-beater.
<b>Cyberia</b>	£39.99
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Overwhelming shooting and puzzle games.
<b>D</b>	£44.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Looks great, but way too short: it'll take you an hour to complete.
<b>Dark Forces</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Old-style graphics, but still an engrossing Star Wars/Doom clone.
<b>Darklight Conflict</b>	£44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	3D space game delivers stunning gameplay and is difficult to master.

## Adventures of...

### Bryan Adams

This month Bryan has released a new album. On the front is an elephant. Expect it in the bargain bins next week.



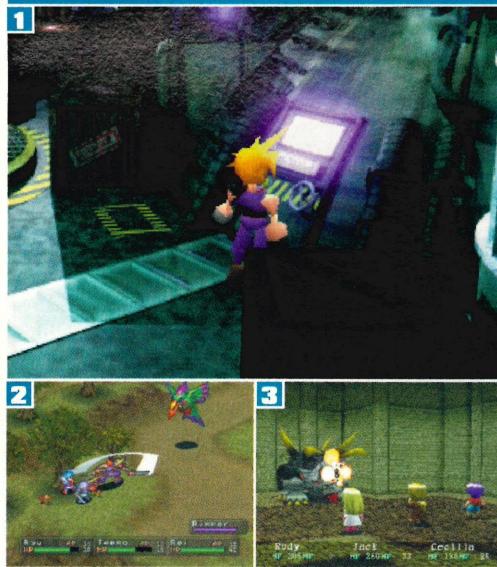
■ Next month: Bryan releases a crap single.

<b>Darkstalkers</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Street Fighter meets horror meets fairly average gameplay.
<b>Davis Cup Tennis</b>	£44.95
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓	We reckon this stinker is one of the worst PlayStation tennis titles to date.
<b>Dead Ball Zone</b>	£34.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Hyper-violent sci-fi sport game. With chainsaws.
<b>Dead or Alive</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Excellent fighter with added bouncing boobs. Top job.
<b>Deathtrap Dungeon</b>	£44.99
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Tomb Raider-style adventure. But with swords.
<b>Defcon 5</b>	£49.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action.
<b>Descent</b>	£44.99
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right.
<b>Descent 2</b>	£44.99
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Not enough improvements on the original, but still a good shoot 'em up.
<b>Destruction Derby</b>	£19.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players.
<b>Destruction Derby 2</b>	£19.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Better than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks.
<b>Devil's Deception</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Nice idea: you play Satan's helper. But not well executed.
<b>Diablo</b>	£39.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Adventure without a spoddy aftertaste.
<b>Die Hard Trilogy</b>	£19.99
■ Company Fox Interactive ■ Players 1 ■ Special Gun/Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Three top games for the price of one.
<b>DiscWorld</b>	£39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Fantasy/comedy adventure with annoying puzzles.
<b>Disruptor</b>	£39.99
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Sick, ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though.
<b>Doom</b>	£19.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats.
<b>Duke Nukem</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Stomping corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent.
<b>Duke Nukem: Time to Kill</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Duke gets a Tomb Raider-style adventure. Result? Very good, thanks.
<b>Dynasty Warriors</b>	£44.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade.
<b>Earthworm Jim 2</b>	£44.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Update of old platformer that fails to deliver.
<b>Epidemic</b>	£34.95
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Sequel to Kileaf the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game.
<b>ESPN Extreme Games</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Oddball sports racing game with a smidgen of violence for good measure.
<b>Everybody's Golf</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too.
<b>Excalibur 2555AD</b>	£19.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Merlin's niece goes sci-fi in this Tomb Raider wannabe. A near miss.
<b>Exhumed</b>	£44.95
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Still one of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around.
<b>Explosive Racing</b>	£34.95
■ Company TOKA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Lack of control and cheesy whiff let down fun racer.
<b>Extreme Pinball</b>	£44.95
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Sad, lonely, orphan of a pinball title with unrealistic ball movements.
<b>Extreme Snow Break</b>	£39.99
■ Company Micros ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Shite snowboarding rubbish.
<b>Fade to Black</b>	£19.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Absorbing, interesting 3D game. There's plenty to see, do and shoot.
<b>Fantastic Four</b>	£34.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel Comics heroes.
<b>Felony 11-79</b>	£39.99
■ Company ASCII ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Pacey joyriding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck.
<b>FIFA 96</b>	£19.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✗	Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views.

<b>FIFA 97</b>	£44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly...	64%
<b>FIFA 98: Road to World Cup</b>	£39.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans.	65%
<b>FIFA 99</b>	£39.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Fancy playing a sub-standard footie game? Then try this one for size.	75%
<b>The Fifth Element</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Likeable adventure, but lacks that, oh, 'pzazz': that extra little something.	79%
<b>Fighting Force</b>	£44.95
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater.	66%
<b>Final Doom</b>	£44.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ 30 new levels, but still, at the end of the day, much the same game.	89%
<b>Final Fantasy VII</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition.	97%

## Top 5 RPGs

Go on, if you must...



### 1. Final Fantasy VII

Why? 'Cos everybody thinks it's so good. And it looks good.

### 2. Breath of Fire III

Actually it's our office RPG spod who told us to put the games in this order.

### 3. Wild Arms

Most of us hate them....

### 4. Alundra

Our spod wanted this one higher than Final Fantasy VII. S'pose it must be good then.

### 5. Dark Omen

He thinks this one is shit hot, too.

<b>Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2</b>	£19.99
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ 3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game.	82%
<b>Firo and Klawd</b>	£44.95
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option.	82%
<b>Floating Runner</b>	£44.99
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls.	81%
<b>Fluid</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Create your own sounds and music, mix 'em all up.	84%
<b>Formula 1</b>	£19.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Mega sales worldwide confirm it as the ultimate simulation driving game.	88%
<b>Formula 1 98</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ As a racer, not bad. But as an addition to the F1 series? Shite.	70%
<b>F1 97</b>	£44.95
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Improvements all round for this updated racer.	89%
<b>Formula Karts</b>	£44.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Slick, nice-looking mini racing: fast and furious, but the tracks are short.	81%
<b>Forsaken</b>	£39.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ A damn fine corridor-style shooter. On bikes. Cool.	90%
<b>Frenzy</b>	£34.99
■ Company SCI ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Wannabe wacky shoot-'em up ends up being irritating and shite.	16%
<b>Frogger 3D</b>	£39.99
■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Retro classic given a nineties 3D respay. Buckets of gameplay.	88%
<b>Future Cop: LAPD</b>	£44.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Hover, stomp and blast your way through the future. Cool.	89%
<b>G-Darius</b>	£39.99
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Stonking shoot-'em up pits you against a world of murderous fish.	89%
<b>G-Police</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Sci-fi helicopter cop thriller that grabs you by the balls.	93%
<b>Galaxian 3D</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse ✓ Multitap✓ Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay.	36%
<b>Gex</b>	£44.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Goes to show that if you really try, you can produce a dull platformer.	68%
<b>Gex 3D</b>	£44.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Very cool platform game. Loads of exploration and adrenalin.	91%
<b>Ghost in the Shell</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Manga-based robot shoot-'em up that's a bundle of laughs.	90%
<b>Goal Storm</b>	£39.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Clumsy players lumber by on Zimmers and stairlifts in this football game.	66%
<b>Grand Theft Auto</b>	£19.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Ultra-violent, immoral car game. Not a looker, but amazing gameplay.	85%
<b>Gran Turismo</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ The ultimate driving game. Buy it now.	97%
<b>Grid Run</b>	£44.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ 'Tag' game which only really gets 'fun' in multiplayer mode.	64%
<b>Gunship</b>	£44.99
■ Company Microprose ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Complex, fairly playable helicopter sim, but just not that realistic...	83%
<b>Hard Boiled</b>	£44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Try woodturning. Knock up a pipe rack. Just don't play this.	40%
<b>Hardcore 4x4</b>	£44.99
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Dull all-terrain racing game with a lack of tracks.	83%
<b>Heart of Darkness</b>	£39.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Platformer looks brilliant and plays like a peach.	88%
<b>Hebereke Popoitto</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Two player puzzle game. Fun, but Bust-a-Move 2 is better.	42%
<b>Help</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse ✓ Multitap✓ Road Rash, Myst and Broken Sword on one disc!	85%
<b>Herc's Adventures</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Solid gameplay and tons of challenge in fun-to-play cartoon frolics.	85%
<b>Hercules</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer.	81%
<b>Hexen</b>	£44.95
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Graphics are a wee bit slow and blocky, but this Doom clone has depth.	84%
<b>Hi-Octane</b>	£44.99
■ Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Really boring racing game that doesn't have enough substance.	76%
<b>Hybrid</b>	£39.99
■ Company Elite ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost...	14%
<b>Independence Day</b>	£44.99
■ Company Fox Interactive ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Dated shoot 'em up based loosely on the hit film.	69%
<b>Indy 500</b>	£39.99
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad, Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Offensively average Indy car racing sim that's dull, dull, dull.	50%
<b>Impact Racing</b>	£44.95
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max.	82%
<b>In the Hunt</b>	£39.99
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ 2D submarine shoot 'em up with plenty of things to fire at. Which is nice.	79%
<b>International Track &amp; Field</b>	£19.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Addictive sports sim that's even better in its multiplayer mode.	90%
<b>ISS Deluxe</b>	£44.95
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Average footballer that's been bettered since.	66%
<b>Iron and Blood</b>	£44.95
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap✓ Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy...	67%

# GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station

## LEGAL PAD



### Gamester Dual Force Joypad £19.99

Non-Sony joypads have had a spot of bother recently. Sony's legal team have been striking with no mercy. Make a pad that looks remotely like a Sony one, and you end up at the bottom of the Thames in a rather fetching pair of concrete socks. Just joking, Mr Sony Lawyer... we're just joking... please don't point that THING at us! So now we've got a whole second generation of non-Sony pads that Do Not In Any Way Resemble

The Official Sony Pad. And that's official. Here's the first...

**Get it out for:** Comparing to your Sony pad

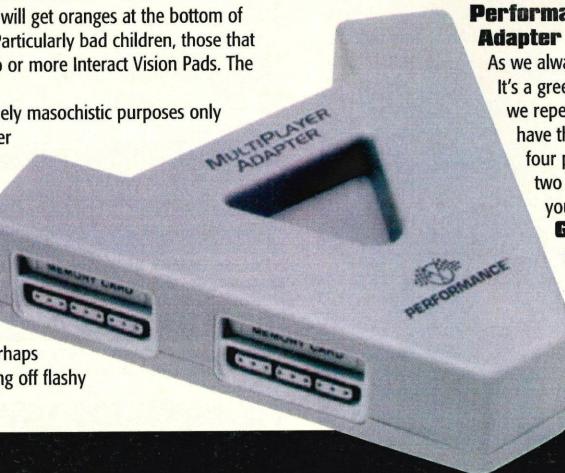
**Rated:** Rumbles like PJ and Duncan would have done if they hadn't been fake-ass bastards. Real throaty rumbles. Proper bottom-end grunt. And the sticky bits seem to do their sticky bit in a quiet and unassuming way. This pad grooves to the max, hepcats. But in an entirely different way to the Sony one. Of course. **85%**

### Interact Vision Pad £6.99

Father Christmas is coming! And for the naughty children, he's bringing lots of Interact Vision Pads. The lucky naughty children will get oranges at the bottom of their stocking instead. Particularly bad children, those that torture cats, will get two or more Interact Vision Pads. The poor devils.

**Get it out for:** Truely masochistic purposes only

**Rated:** Godawful. Utter tat. Surely we were born for much better than this. The buttons are all crud and slippery, and the L and R buttons seem to have been purposely designed to prevent you using them. Helpful perhaps for stopping your mate pulling off flashy moves at Tekken... **40%**



### Performance Multiplayer Adapter £29.99

As we always like to say in the business: It's a green light all the way. It's a goer, we repeat it's a goer. Houston we do have the multiplayer capacity for four players, and up to eight with two adaptors. God's speed with you John Glenn.

**Get it out for:** Er, give up. Multiplayer games?

**Rated:** Just fine and dandy. As an added bonus you even get a free pad bundled with it! It is a shit pad, mind, but free stuff is free stuff. **90%**

## Machine gun chicks

Babes with guns! These bodacious chicks just love their PlayStation lightguns! 'Bodacious'... Christ. Our old nemesis Uncle Sam'd be well pleased with this bit. Next month: best steering wheels for monster trucks...

### G-Con 45 £39.99



Hi! I'm Candy and I just adore my G-Con 45. It's a monster, if you know what I mean. Gee. It's so damn accurate! It's so damn sexy. It works so damn well with Time Crisis. And other compatible games. God it makes me horny. Buy one now, big boy. **97%**

### Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun £44.99



Hiya! I'm Madame de Muff, a hot chick who adores the Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun. It recoils. That makes me moist. It's not as accurate as Candy's, but I still like to cuddle up to it at night when I'm lonely. I'd prefer a hunk, but that's another story... **85%**

### Nu Gen Assassin Lightgun £39.99

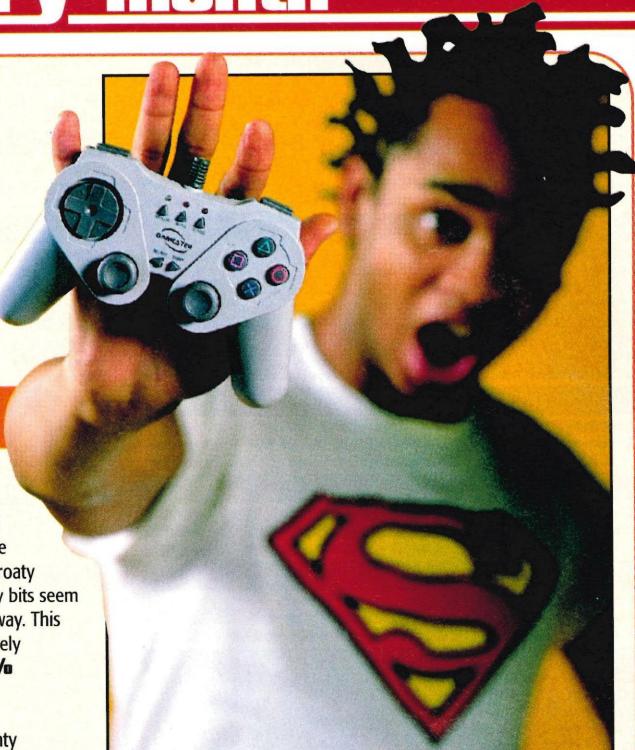


Check out the pump action on this, baby! Oh hi. This is my Nu-Gen Assassin lightgun. It's got a clicky bit that makes me wet 'n' ready, and it'll work with all 'Station games. The aiming's so spot on it makes me damp. Does that make you horny, big boy? **95%**

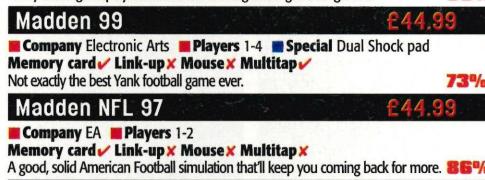
### Hyperblaster £29.95

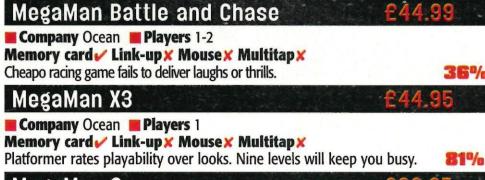
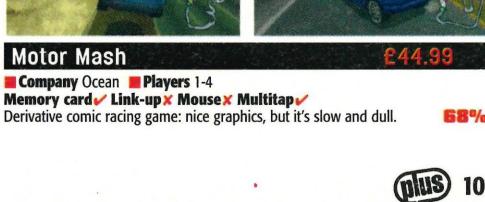


Hiya! I'm Nikki! I'm glad you're here. I was just polishing my Hyperblaster with a pair of soiled panties. My gun's my favourite thing in the whole world. It's rilly, rilly accurate. I can only use it with older games, but I'm an old-time girl (giggle). **95%**



<b>Iron Man</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Sad, shoddy drivet. A bad game and a total waste of a comic's licence.	22%
<b>ISS Pro</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Soccer old-timer that's still slotting 'em in with the best of them.	91%
	
<b>ISS Pro 98</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X This is a pick-up-and-play classic. Every home should have one.	94%
	
<b>Iznogoud</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Micros ■ Players 1 Memory card X Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Iz really no good. Iz shit, actually.	9%
<b>Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Supercross? Crapcross, more like.	52%
<b>Jersey Devil</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Good looking cartoon platform game that's hard as nails to play.	90%
<b>Jet Rider</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Innovative racer is let down by poor graphics and weak gameplay.	63%
<b>Jet Rider II</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Lame sci-fi racing sequel that manages to be shitter than the original.	30%
<b>Johnny Bazookatone</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company US Gold ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A rock 'n' roll platformer with poor gameplay.	60%
<b>Jonah Lomu Rugby</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Brilliant rugby simulation, but bloody fiddly controls drive you mad.	84%
<b>Judge Dredd</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Fast and good looking sci-fi lightgun shooter that doesn't stand out.	73%
<b>Jumping Flash</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Super 3D platformer which has just too few levels to make it a winner.	89%
<b>Jumping Flash 2</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Perfect sequel to Jumping Flash, but not enough levels. A fiver more...	88%
<b>K1</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Substandard beat 'em up. It's saving grace is the reasonable graphics.	55%
<b>Kick Off 97</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Maxis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X It shoots! It misses by an absolute mile.	60%
<b>Kick Off World</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X OK-to-play footy effort that looks like it's from a bygone age.	60%
<b>King of Fighters 95</b>	<b>Rental</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Rental Only Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Not original, but this 2D effort still socks it to you as a rental game.	70%
<b>Klonoa</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Stomach-churning cuteness doesn't spoil excellent platformer.	86%
<b>Krazy Ivan</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Graphics win over playability in this robot game.	73%

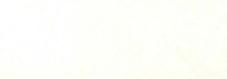
<b>Kula World</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Very classy head-stretching puzzle game.	89%
<b>Kurushi</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Block-based puzzle game that isn't going to be the next Tetris.	68%
<b>The Last Report</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Micros ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Adventure/puzzle game. Like Resident Evil except piss poor.	35%
<b>Little Big Adventure</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic.	91%
	
<b>Legacy of Kain</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Vampire action/adventure game with a hugely enjoyable challenge.	92%
	
<b>Lemmings</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Ancient puzzley game that will still have you hooked.	80%
<b>Lethal Enforcers</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Awful conversion of already-bad arcade lightgun game.	30%
<b>Loaded</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X An action-packed traditional sort of blaster, lacking in variety.	75%
<b>Lomax in Lemmingland</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X It's a Lemmings-inspired platformer. Our verdict? It just leaves us cold.	70%
<b>Lone Soldier</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Second rate shoot 'em up. With soldiers. Way too slow.	72%
<b>Lost Vikings 2</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Average arcade game which fails to deliver much originality.	63%
<b>The Lost World</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Platformer from Spielberg dinofest. Never really gets its teeth into you...	81%
	
<b>Lucky Luke</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Infogrames ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits.	79%
<b>Machine Hunter</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A top-down shoot 'em which takes on Loaded fair and square.	88%
<b>Madden 98</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Finely tuned gameplay make this current king of the gridiron games.	89%
	
<b>Madden 99</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Not exactly the best Yank football game ever.	73%
	
<b>Madden NFL 97</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A good, solid American Football simulation that'll keep you coming back for more.	86%
	
<b>Magic Carpet</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Fast 3D sorcery shoot 'em up with many levels to explore.	90%
	
<b>Masters of Teras Kasi</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Star Wars characters in a beat 'em up? We'd rather inject horse snot.	30%

<b>Marvel Super Heroes</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Comic book characters beating the stuffing out of each other. Superb.	90%
<b>Maximum Force</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Conversion of a crap arcade shoot 'em up. Why did they bother?	50%
	
<b>MDK</b>	<b>£43.99</b>
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Interesting shoot 'em up let down badly by patchy graphics	80%
	
<b>Mechwarrior 2</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Activision ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Giant robots in quality 3D shoot 'em up. Plenty of blasting action.	83%
	
<b>MediEvil</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Does slaughtering demons pump your nads? It sure pumps ours.	92%
	
<b>MegaMan Battle and Chase</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cheapo racing game fails to deliver laughs or thrills.	36%
	
<b>MegaMan X3</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Platformer rates playability over looks. Nine levels will keep you busy.	81%
	
<b>MegaMan 8</b>	<b>£39.95</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cutesy platform shooter with nothing new or interesting to offer.	53%
	
<b>Men in Black</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Hugely disappointing film conversion. Nice looking, but no game.	69%
	
<b>Michael Owen's WLS 99</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Box-fresh and smelling sweetly of perfume, this is a top kickabout.	92%
	
<b>Mickey's Wild Adventure</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Don't let 'wild' and 'adventure' sucker you: Another average platformer.	66%
	
<b>Micro Machines V3</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic.	91%
<b>Midnight Run</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Superfast racing game that's a total turd to play. Ughhhh.	65%
<b>Motorhead</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Super-fast racer that pulls our chain.	92%
<b>Motor Mash</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Derivative comic racing game: nice graphics, but it's slow and dull.	68%

# The Knowledge: updated every month

<b>Moto Racer 2</b>	£39.99	<b>Namco Museum Vol.2</b>	£39.99	<b>Need for Speed 2</b>	£44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad/Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	winner 91%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	63%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	49%
A scorcher of a motorbike racer. Lots of tracks and a cool track editor.		Nowhere near as strong a collection, unless you're a big Xevious fan.		Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel.	
<b>Monopoly</b>	£39.99	<b>Namco Museum Vol.3</b>	£39.99	<b>Need for Speed III</b>	£39.99
■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	78%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	71%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	89%
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game.		There is just too much dross on this disc...		Very fast, good-looking racer Miles better than one and two.	
<b>Monster Trucks</b>	£44.99	<b>Namco Museum Vol.4</b>	£39.99	<b>Newman Haas Racing</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	82%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	67%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	75%
This off-road racer never really gets going...		Only PacLand stands out from the crowd here.		A bit of a poor F1 copy. Only for die-hards.	
<b>Mortal Kombat 3</b>	£44.95	<b>Namco Museum Vol.5</b>	£44.99	<b>NFL Blitz</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	winner 51%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	75%	■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	86%
MK fans will go mental, but for us, Streetfighter still rules the 2D scene		Retro compilation that makes it courtesy of a couple of gems.		A good American football game? What new witchcraft is this?	
<b>Mortal Kombat 4</b>	£34.99	<b>Nanotek Warrior</b>	£39.99	<b>NFL Gameplay</b>	£44.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	Rent it 74%	■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	77%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	82%
At the end of the day, it's just another Mortal Kombat game. Yawn.		Enjoyable shooting action, but a lack of levels to keep you interested.		Pretty average in every department.	
<b>Mortal Kombat Mythologies</b>	£44.99	<b>NASCAR 98</b>	£39.99	<b>NFL Extreme</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	50%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	64%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	71%
Boring, unplayable one-player quest version of the old beat 'em up.		Ugly, dull racing game with a hideous soundtrack.		We'd rather play a game of chicken in heavy traffic. Not bad though	
<b>Mortal Kombat Trilogy</b>	£44.95	<b>NASCAR 99</b>	£39.99	<b>NFL Quarterback Club</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	winner 51%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	50%	■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	75%
After every MK character, so hardcore MKers will be happy...		Insanely cack racer with unbelievably bad commentary. It's dire.		Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics...	
<b>Moto Racer</b>	£44.99	<b>NASCAR Racing</b>	£44.95	<b>NHL 97</b>	£44.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	85%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	35%	■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	winner 51%
Very speedy arcade racer with lots to recommend it.		Crap Days of Thunder-style racing game, bad in every single way...		Top-notch graphics make this a really good-looking sports sim...	
<b>Motor Toon Grand Prix 2</b>	£44.99	<b>NBA Fastbreak</b>	£39.99	<b>NHL 98</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	85%	■ Company Midway ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	65%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	winner 91%
Comic racing game manages to trounce the original.		Very realistic but frustrating to play.		Ice hockey game that's even slicker than last year's version.	
<b>Mr Domino</b>	£34.99	<b>NBA Hangtime</b>	£39.99	<b>NHL 99</b>	£44.99
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	70%	■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	72%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	86%
Picture game spoilt by poor control.		It's a basketball game. It's a bit of a laugh. Nuff said.		It's ice hockey. But, hey, this one doesn't taste at all bad.	
<b>Music</b>	£39.99	<b>NBA in the Zone</b>	£44.95	<b>NHL Breakaway 98</b>	£44.99
■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	winner 92%	■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	85%	■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	89%
You get to make your own banging tunes in a very tasty package.		Players are pretty agile, and it has more pace than Total NBA...		If ice hockey's your bag, this ain't bad for a spin.	
<b>N2O</b>	£39.99	<b>NBA in the Zone 2</b>	£44.95	<b>NHL Face Off</b>	£34.99
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	85%	■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	91%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	65%
Fast, arcade shoot 'em up with an ace techno soundtrack. We like.		Beefed-up graphics make this slam-dunk sequel quite classy.		Nice looking but dull ice hockey effort. Nothing new here.	
<b>Nagano Winter Olympics</b>	£39.99	<b>NBA Jam Extreme</b>	£44.95	<b>NHL Face Off 97</b>	£34.95
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	35%	■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	80%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	65%
The people who brought us Track and Field slip up with this bollocks.		Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features.		Just another average sequel, in spite of extra features...	
<b>Namco Museum Vol.1</b>	£39.99	<b>NBA Jam Tournament</b>	£39.99	<b>NHL Open Ice</b>	£34.95
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	84%	■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	86%	■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	Rent it 70%
Hits from the gaming crypt. And yes, it does include Pacman.		Conversion of the coin-op with 2D characters going two-on-two.		Arcade-style ice hockey game. No great shake.	
<b>Need for Speed</b>	£19.99	<b>NBA Live 96</b>	£44.99	<b>NHL Powerplay 98</b>	£39.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	30%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	81%	■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	89%
A second rate bash at Ridge Racer. It definitely needs more speed...		Average basketball sim that ain't going to blow your mind...		If you've gotta get a hockey game, you could do a lot worse...	
<b>Nightmare Creatures</b>	£39.99	<b>NBA Live 98</b>	£39.99	<b>Nightmare Creatures</b>	£39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	76%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	87%	■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	89%
Point-click adventure with static screens. It won't set your world on fire.		Good-looking basketball effort that offers a bouncing bundle of gameplay.		Buckets o' blood in this Victorian hack and slash zombie epic. Way cool.	
<b>Nova Storm</b>	£39.99	<b>NBA Live 97</b>	£44.99	<b>Ninja: Shadow of Darkness</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	82%	■ Company EA ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	91%	■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	82%
Fast, arcade shoot 'em up with an ace techno soundtrack. We like.		Brilliant multiplayer game with loads of options.		Good-looking killing game, let down by lack of variety.	
<b>Need for Speed</b>	£19.99	<b>NBA Pro 98</b>	£39.99	<b>The Note</b>	£39.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	30%	■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	80%	■ Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	45%
We don't need anymore basketball games, thanks.		The people who brought us Track and Field slip up with this bollocks.		Basic adventure. Boring and dull.	
<b>Need for Speed 2</b>	£44.99	<b>Need for Speed</b>	£19.99	<b>Nova Storm</b>	£39.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	49%	■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	70%	■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X	55%
Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel.		Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel.		Start game. Fire continuously. Finish game eventually. That's it...	

<b>Nuclear Strike</b>	£44.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Explosive and absorbing strategic shoot 'em up.	
	
<b>ODT</b>	£39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Run around and shoot loads of stuff. Funny enough, we like.	89%
<b>Off World Interceptor</b>	£39.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X 4x4s bounce about on the moon in this dull race game.	68%
<b>Olympic Games</b>	£44.95
■ Company US Gold ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ International Track and Field is the game to beat. This doesn't come close.	70%
	
<b>One</b>	£39.99
■ Company ASC ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Fast, good looking ultra-violent platform shooter let down by dull combat.	83%
<b>OnSide</b>	£44.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X This is the most incredibly bland footie game.	65%
<b>Overblood</b>	£44.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Quite annoying Resident Evil clone with little action.	76%
<b>Pandemonium</b>	£19.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Stunning effects and instinctive gameplay put other platformers to shame.	91%
	
<b>Pandemonium 2</b>	£44.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look.	83%
<b>Panzer General</b>	£44.99
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Full-blown strategy game is hard work thanks to historical accuracy.	59%
<b>Parappa the Rapper</b>	£29.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Original, fun rapping version of Simon Says. Offbeat and amusing.	89%
<b>Pax Corpus</b>	£39.99
■ Company Cryo ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X For a joke, persuade a mate to buy this piece of shit...	38%
<b>Peak Performance</b>	£39.99
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Substandard racing game. Lots of options, not much else.	65%
<b>Perfect Weapon</b>	£44.95
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Beat 'em up-style adventure which is crap in both departments.	51%
<b>Pet in TV</b>	£39.99
■ Company Grolier ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Do you really need a Tamagotchi on your PlayStation? We think not.	60%
<b>PGA Tour 96</b>	£19.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A dodgy putting system lets this golf sim down badly.	59%

<b>PGA Tour 97</b>	£44.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Probably the best-looking golf sim, but gameplay is becoming too similar.	65%
	
<b>PGA Tour 98</b>	£39.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Golf game that fails to offer anything new.	68%
<b>Phat Air Snowboarding</b>	£34.99
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Snowboarding bandwagon-jumper that doesn't quite cut the mustard.	75%
<b>Pitfall</b>	£44.95
■ Company Warner ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Speedball-type thing, but with pretty bog-standard looks and playability.	73%
<b>Pitfall 3D</b>	£39.99
■ Company Activision ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Very playable platformer thankfully without cuteness.	84%
<b>Player Manager</b>	£44.95
■ Company Anco ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Predictable results spoil this footie management sim.	68%
	
<b>Pocket Fighter</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Street Fighter characters get small. Cool, but only for fanatics really.	79%
<b>Po 'Ed</b>	£44.99
■ Company Warner ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Interesting weapons, surprise monsters raise a laugh in this Doom-clone.	76%
	
<b>Point Blank</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special G-Con 45 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Amazingly cool shooting gallery-style compilation game.	82%
	
<b>Pool</b>	£39.99
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-16 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Let's put lots of options in, they said. This smells of poo, we replied.	78%
	
<b>Porsche Challenge</b>	£19.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks.	80%
	
<b>Powerplay Hockey 96</b>	£44.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff	85%
	
<b>Power Soccer 2</b>	£34.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Amazingly average footie game that won't hold your interest.	70%
	
<b>Poy Poy</b>	£34.95
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself.	83%
<b>Premier Manager 98</b>	£44.99
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Superb football management sim.	92%
<b>Pro Pinball: The Web</b>	£44.95
■ Company Empire ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Ball movement so fluid it handles like the real thing.	93%
<b>Pro Pinball: Timeshock</b>	£24.99
■ Company Empire ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold...	89%
<b>Project Overkill</b>	£44.95
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Flashy but piss-dull arcade shooter...	79%
<b>Psybadek</b>	£39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Hoverboarding game with tons of knobs on. Fairly toss, though.	67%
<b>Psychic Detective</b>	£44.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Loads endings, views and three CDs make this a large portion. Yes.	84%
<b>Psychic Force</b>	£44.95
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X An enjoyable enough 3D beat 'em up, but it lacks depth.	76%
<b>R-types</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Two games one old, one new. Both top-of-the-range shoot 'em ups.	81%
<b>Rage Racer</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it!	93%
<b>Raging Skies</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Flight sim looks dated and gets repetitive after a while. Pretty average.	73%
<b>Raiden Project</b>	£39.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Enjoyable, but limited. Animation and graphics are only mediocre...	72%
<b>Rally Cross</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Rolling cars aplenty in fun racer, plus four-player mode...	88%
<b>Rampage World Tour</b>	£34.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-3 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Pick a monster and smash up towns. As much fun as it sounds.	69%
<b>Rapid Racer</b>	£34.95
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X White water racer: let down by slow two-player mode.	82%
<b>Rapid Reload</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up.	80%
<b>Rascal</b>	£44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Disappointing platformer made worse by cockaloo camera angles.	53%
<b>Rayman</b>	£19.99
■ Company UBI Soft ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility.	43%
<b>Ray Storm</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast.	83%
<b>Ray Tracers</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly.	73%
<b>Real Bout: Fatal Fury</b>	RENTAL
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Avoid.	30%
<b>Rebel Assault 2</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A Star Wars romp, but there's not enough variety and trickery.	46%
<b>Reboot</b>	£39.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Hoverboard game feels great to play, but limited.	83%
<b>Red Asphalt: Rock &amp; Roll Racing 2</b>	£44.99
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Speedsters with awesome firepower fail to mix into a gameplay Molotov.	68%
<b>Reloaded</b>	£44.95
■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Smidgin better than the original. But that wasn't much fun either.	73%

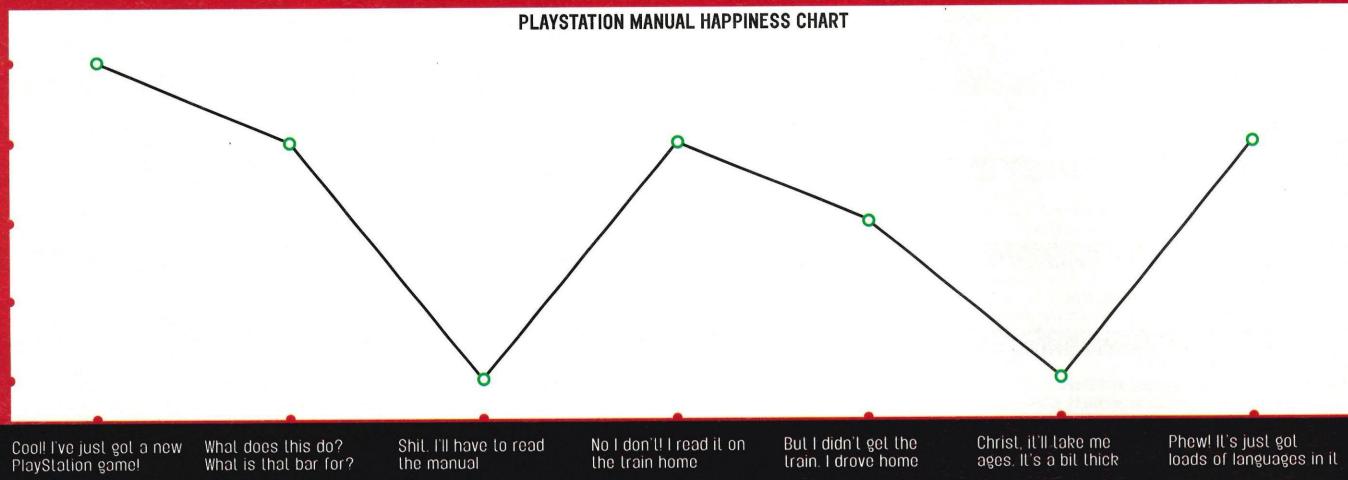
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## PlayStation manual/happiness graph

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You've splashed out your forty quid and got yourself a new game and – bugger it – you just can't work it out without referring to the manual. We used

this scientific-looking graph to show you how much this can seriously affect the pleasure of your game-playing experience...



<b>Resident Evil</b> £19.99 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. 	<b>Rise 2: Resurrection</b> £44.99 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Despite plenty of fighters, this is still only a mediocre beat 'em up... 	<b>San Francisco Rush</b> £34.99 ■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Why buy a good racing game when you could play this lump of turd? 
<b>Resident Evil 2</b> £49.99 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Awesome update of the original spread over two shit-kickin' discs. 	<b>Riot</b> £44.95 ■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-6 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Despite mega multitap possibility, this game offers little for your cash. 	<b>SCARS</b> £39.99 ■ Company Ubi Soft ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Laughs replace realism in cool racer. Be warned though: it's tough. 
<b>Resident Evil Director's Cut</b> £34.99 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Cash-in version of the original that's got lots of nice touches. 	<b>Risk</b> £39.99 ■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ A new spin on the classic board game that's well worth a look. 	<b>Sentient</b> £44.95 ■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Set on a spaceship, this game is pretty ambitious, but too complicated. 
<b>Return Fire</b> £44.95 ■ Company Warner ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ You take out enemy bases with a selection of army vehicles. Good fun. 	<b>Rival Schools</b> £39.99 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓ A helluva lot to like in this schoolies-go-psyo beat 'em up. 	<b>Sentient Returns</b> £34.99 ■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗ Even having your eyes skewed with fish hooks is better than this. 
<b>Revolution X</b> £39.99 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Aerosmith feature throughout... but this is one sad game really. 	<b>Riven</b> £49.99 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗ Clever and great looking puzzle game. But not for everyone. 	<b>Shadow Master</b> £39.99 ■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ You're in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good. 
<b>Ridge Racer</b> £19.99 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Excellent racing game, but lacking in tracks. 	<b>Road Rash</b> £19.99 ■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Straightforward, frustrating racing game. 	<b>Shellshock</b> £44.99 ■ Company Core Design ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. 
<b>Ridge Racer Revolution</b> £19.99 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Better than the original, with more cars and better controls. 	<b>Rogue Trip</b> £39.99 ■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ A weird old thing, this. Kill tourists and get points. Good fun overall. 	<b>Shockwave</b> £39.99 ■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background. 
<b>Sampras Extreme Tennis</b> £44.95 ■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓ Real ease of play and lots of wins raise it above unseeded rivals... 	<b>Rushdown</b> £39.99 ■ Company Infogrames ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Three sports on one disc! Shame it's not that good, really. 	<b>Sim City 2000</b> £44.99 ■ Company Maxis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗ You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. 
<b>Samurai Showdown</b> Rental ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. 	<b>Skull Monkeys</b> £44.95 ■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Plasticinematic action with a clay hero bouncing on monkeys' heads. 	<b>Smash Court Tennis</b> £44.95 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓ Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. 
<b>Smash Court Tennis</b> £44.95 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓ Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. 	<b>Slam 'n' Jam '96</b> £44.95 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Poor camera views and easy game make this a dog. 	<b>Skeleton Warriors</b> £44.95 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Looks, smells and feels like an antique game... and it plays like one too. 

<b>Snow Racer</b>	£34.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 Memory card X Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis.	85%
<b>Soul Blade</b>	£19.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Vicious scrapping with huge swords. Not a Tekken-beater, but hey...	90%
<b>Soviet Strike</b>	£19.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up.	92%
	
<b>Space Hulk</b>	£19.99
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game.	84%
<b>Space Jam</b>	£44.95
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it?	65%
<b>Spawn: The Eternal</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventure. Avoid.	32%
<b>Speed King</b>	
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.	45%
<b>Speedster</b>	£44.95
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability.	64%
<b>Spice World</b>	£19.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A shabby excuse of a game. Short, boring and unimaginative.	21%
<b>Spider</b>	£39.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X An innovative idea for a platform game, but fails to rise above average.	70%
<b>Spot goes to Hollywood</b>	£34.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Too little, too late for this platformer. Er, it's got good music though...	77%
<b>Spyro the Dragon</b>	£39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X So cute you'll throw, but still a well playable 3D platformer.	88%
	
<b>Star Gladiator</b>	£44.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either.	91%
	
<b>Starfighter 3000</b>	£44.95
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on.	80%
<b>Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi</b>	£34.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap.	30%
<b>Starwinder</b>	£44.95
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Simplistic racing game where every level plays the same.	59%
<b>Streak</b>	£39.99
■ Company GT Interactive ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Hoverboarding game that's slick as slick can be. And that's slick.	79%
<b>Steel Harbinger</b>	£44.95
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun.	79%
	
<b>Steel Reign</b>	£34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though.	Rent it 75%

<b>Street Fighter Alpha</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters.	91%
	
<b>Street Fighter Alpha 2</b>	£44.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel.	92%
	

<b>Street Fighter Collection</b>	£39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Joypad ✓ Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you.	87%
<b>Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha</b>	£44.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme.	93%
	

## Totty you forgot

She, er, WAS a star...

### Dateline: The Seventies and Eighties.

#### The totty

Daisy Duke (AKA Barbara Bach)

#### Who?

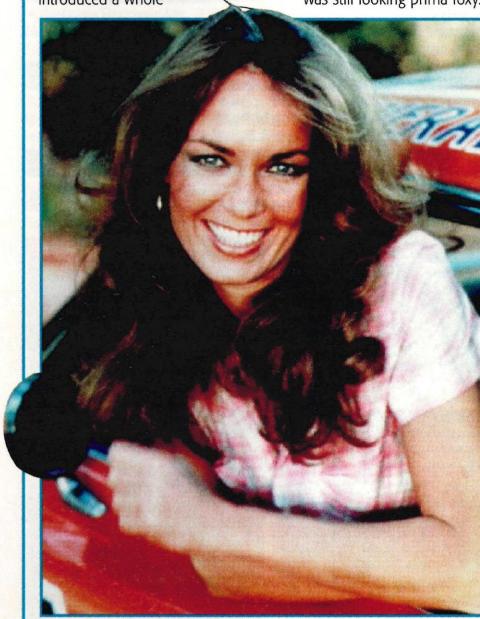
Saturday nights changed forever when Dukes of Hazzard started. It ALWAYS had a bonzo car chase. It ALWAYS had loads of insane stunts and, it ALWAYS had Daisy Duke.

Daisy, if the name's new to you, introduced a whole

generation of young boys to 'feeling funny', she made hotpants fashionable accessory. She was hot, sexy and everybody, even vicars, Prime Ministers and traffic wardens, fancied her.

#### And what's she up to now?

A couple of years back Daisy turned up in the Dukes of Hazzard reunion show and she was still looking prima foxy.



■ 'Daisy, Daisy. Please, let me be your Boss Hog...'

<b>Street Fighter The Movie</b>	£39.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie.	67%
	

<b>Street Racer</b>	£44.95
■ Company UBI Soft ■ Players 1-8 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Fair to middling racing game with plenty to do, except get excited...	79%
	

<b>Strikepoint: the Hex Missions</b>	£44.95
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Poor helicopter game. Why not have a bash at Soviet Strike instead?	60%
	

<b>Striker 96</b>	£39.99
■ Company Warner ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Simplistic footie game. 'Station footy at its worst.'	69%
	

<b>Suikoden</b>	£44.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life...	Rent it 81%
	

<b>Super Match Soccer</b>	£39.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap ✓ Yawsome footy game. For God's sake don't buy it.	33%
	

<b>Super Football Champ</b>	£39.99
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Oh dear. Drab, boring, unplayable. Truly hideous football game.	46%
	

<b>Super Pang Collection</b>	£39.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X An arcade-perfect version of the retro bubble-bursting games.	53%
	

<b>Super Puzzle Fighter 2</b>	£39.95
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends.	Rent it 92%
	

<b>Supersonic Racers</b>	£44.95
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked.	74%
	

<b>Swagman</b>	£44.99
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game.	85%
	

<b>Syndicate Wars</b>	£44.95
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse ✓ Multitap ✓ This is an ultra-cool and violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics.	92%
	

<b>Tekken</b>	£19.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters.	90%

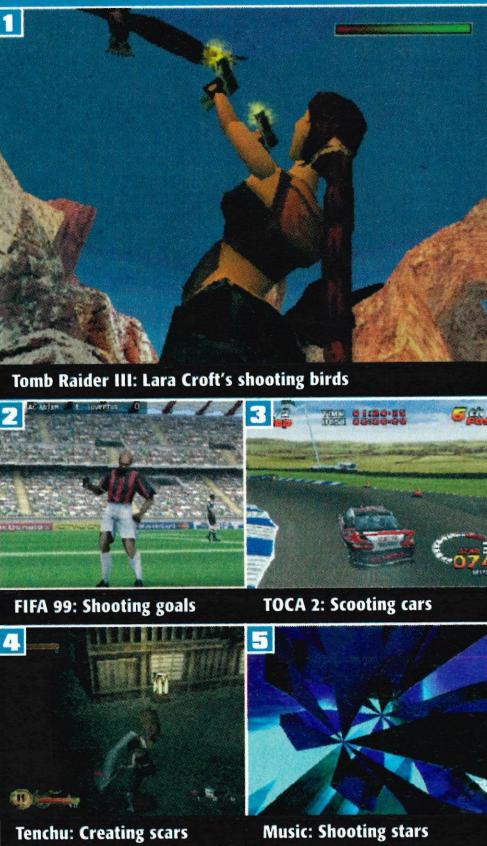
<b>Tekken 2</b>	£19.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around...	Rent it 95%

<b>Tekken 3</b>	£44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X The big daddy of all beat 'em ups. So good it hurts	Rent it 96%

# The Knowledge: updated every month

## HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?



**Key:** (NE) New Entry

(RE) Re-Entry

(4) Position Last Month

(-) Same Position

### 1. (NE) Tomb Raider III (Eidos)

Lara's straight to the top of the pile.

### 2. (NE) FIFA 99 (EA)

It's got an endorsement!

### 3. (NE) TOCA 2 (Codemasters)

The second coming of the top racer.

### 4. (2) Tenchu (Activision)

Cool ninja slash 'em up.

### 5. (NE) Music (Codemasters)

Mama we're all deejas now.

### 6. (NE) Apocalypse (Activision)

For horsemen only. Apparently.

### 7. (NE) Abe's Exoddus (GT)

Return of the farting platform hero.

### 8. (3) Tekken 3 (Sony)

The best beat 'em up in the world... ever!

### 9. (NE) Colony War: Vengeance (Psygnosis)

Top-notch Star Warsy sci-fi shoot 'em up.

### 10. (7) Spyro the Dragon (Sony)

Good TV adverts, average 'n' cute game.

### Tempest X3

■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£34.99

Rent it  
80%

### Tenchu

■ Company Activision ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual shock pad  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£39.99

Winner  
92%

Is there such a thing as a definitive ninja game? There is now...

### Tenka

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.95

82%

Not even decent graphics can save this poor Doom clone from oblivion.

### Tennis Arena

■ Company UBIsoft ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓

£39.99

Slick tennis game. But do we want slick tennis games?

76%

### Ten Pin Alley

■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-6  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.95

Could have been good fun... but sadly it isn't. No more than a novelty.

54%

### Test Drive: Off Road

■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£39.99

Devoid of excitement and playability. Looks dreadful too.

46%

### Test Drive 4

■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad

£39.99

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

It's got lots of tracks, but it's slow and it don't look too nice.

70%

### Test Drive 4x4

■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£39.99

Let's go off-road! Or then again, let's not bother...

76%

### Test Drive 5

■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad

£39.99

Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Racer that just manages to pull itself out of the average pit.

80%

### Theme Hospital

■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗

£44.99

Lots of fun with people with strange illnesses in this cartoon hospital sim.

84%

### Theme Park

■ Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.99

Explore your park in 3D in this gentle sim. Quietly enjoyable.

85%

### Three Lions

■ Company BMG ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£39.99

Ugly, slow, boring and bollocks footy game that'll sap your will to live.

50%

### Tiger Shark

■ Company GT ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.99

Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up.

72%

### Time Commando

■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.99

Unusual, but fun. Slightly unwieldy controls.

81%

### Time Crisis

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special G-Con 45

£59.99

Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game.

93%

### Tobal No.1

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.99

A beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode.

91%

### Tunnel B1

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£44.99

WipEout breeds with Doom in this high speed shoot 'em up.

89%

### TOCA Touring Car Championship

■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

£19.99

Winner  
91%

It was good before, but now it's Dual Shock compatible. Top stuff.



£19.99

### Tomb Raider

■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Winner  
92%

Top toty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever...



£19.99

### Tomb Raider 2

■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Winner  
95%

Bigger and bolder than the classic original. Lara's back!



£19.99

### Tombi

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

Rent it  
79%

Typically Jap-style cuteness fails to ruin an excellent platformer.



£39.99

### Tommi Makinen Rally

■ Company Europress ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

50%

Rally effort ain't much cop. In fact, it's pants.



£39.99

### Top Gun: Fire at Will

■ Company Microprose ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

66%

Gung-ho movie spin-off not worth your effort tracking down.



£44.99

### Total Drivin'

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad  
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

86%

A selection of arcade racing thrills that's well worth a look.



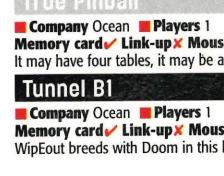
£44.99

### Total NBA 96

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

83%

Pretty damn fine basketball game with some excellent attention to detail.



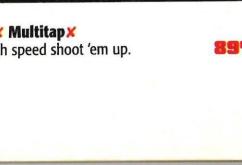
£44.99

### Total NBA 97

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

85%

Enough improved graphics and gameplay to make it a better game.



£34.95

### Total NBA 98

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Dual Shock pad  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

79%

Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend.



£34.99

### Tokyo Highway Battle

■ Company THQ ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

77%

Kind of a sub-Rage Racer game with average graphics.



£39.99

### Toshinden 3

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

78%

Derivative fighting game that's been done a lot better by others...



£44.99

### Transport Tycoon

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

86%

Build roads, railways, docks and airports in this great God sim.



£44.99

### Trash It

■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

57%

Platformer that has good ideas, but just not enough immediate action.



£44.95

### Treasures of the Deep

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

78%

Sluggish submarine adventure-type game.



£44.99

### True Pinball

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

50%

It may have four tables, it may be a good game, but The Web is better.



£19.99

### Tunnel B1

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1  
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗

50%

WipEout breeds with Doom in this high speed shoot 'em up.

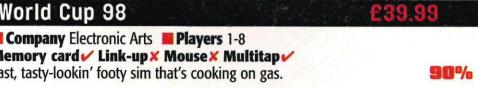


£44.99

<b>Twisted Metal</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Destroy the suburbs in this Mad Max-style car battle.	82%
<b>Twisted Metal World Tour</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Good sequel even grander in thrills and spills than the original.	88%
<b>The Unholy War</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Move warriors around like chess pieces then let 'em scrap.	89%
<b>Vandal Hearts</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Average graphics don't spoil playable and engrossing role-playing game.	86%
<b>V-Ball Beach Volley Heroes</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Kung-fu-esque volleyball effort that's plenty fun in two-player.	Rent it 75%
<b>Versailles</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Cryo ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse ✓ Multitap X Even other point 'n' click adventures aren't as boring as this.	10%
<b>Victory Boxing</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Deeper than a lot of fighting games and takes some getting into.	74%
<b>Victory Boxing 2</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Good boxing game as they go, but still a bit limited moves-wise.	76%
<b>Vigilante 8</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Activision ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Excellent mix of racing and carnage, Superb.	Winner 91%
	
<b>Viper</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cacky controls spoil otherwise stonking 'copter shoot 'em up.	Rent it 70%
<b>Virtual Golf</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Core Design ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Nowhere near as good as the excellent Actua Golf.	57%
<b>Virtual Pool</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation.	85%
<b>Virus 2000</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Grolier ■ Players 1 ■ Special Dual shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X As space shoot 'em ups go, this one's rather average.	70%
<b>VMX Racing</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Dirt bike racing game that looks like it's about a thousand years old.	50%
<b>V-Rally</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Still rocks. And for £20 you'd be stoopid not to get it bought.	Winner 92%
	
<b>VR Baseball</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A fine conversion of the sport, but unlikely to attract too many Brits.	72%
<b>VR Powerboat Racing</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel, Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Speedboat racing sim that is waaaay bollocks.	40%
<b>Vs</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X LA gang war beat 'em up that's fun but looks a little bit ugh.	83%
<b>V Tennis</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Mediocre tennis sim that's hard to be bothered about at all.	75%

## Rumours and lies

We start some untrue tales...

<b>1. Facial hair</b> is directly linked to ISS Pro 98 skill. In tests, players with overgrowing stubble were found to be lacking in skill at the game, whereas their clean-shaven counterparts won impressive victories each time.	<b>2. Environmental</b> health officers were called in to games shops across the UK this week when staff complained of a shitty smell. On closer inspection the smell was found to be coming from the game Versailles.
<b>Warcraft 2</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Excellent strategy game. No mouse/two-player link detract from gameplay.	88%
<b>WarGames: Defcon 1</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Full-on strategy/war-type thing. Excellent, actually.	90%
<b>Wargrogs</b>	<b>£44.95</b>
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X 3D fighting game with mushy graphics and lousy gameplay.	59%
<b>Warhammer</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Not much too look at, but depth of gameplay means it has more to offer.	86%
<b>Warhammer II: Dark Omen</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse ✓ Multitap X Loads depth in this goblin-infested fantasy war epic. Charge!	83%
<b>Warhawk</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Instantly playable, though controls are tricky at first.	82%
<b>Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Fast and furious, but won't last long.	Rent it 74%
<b>WCW Nitro</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Not bad as wrestling efforts go. But still...	63%
<b>WCW vs The World</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Brilliant wrestling game with 60 characters. No handbags or milk stouts...	88%
<b>Wild 9</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Cool graphics and action in spades see to it this is adrenalini city.	90%
<b>Wild Arms</b>	<b>£34.99</b>
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X A must for all hardcore RPG fans. Yes, really.	88%
<b>Williams Arcade Classics</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Retro compilation with five good games out of six, including Defender...	89%
<b>Wing Commander III</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Superb movie sequences mix it with poor gameplay in this space opera.	80%
<b>Wing Commander IV</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Better video sequences... but worse gameplay.	50%
<b>Wingover</b>	<b>£44.99</b>
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Boring flying game overshadowed by Air Combat 2.	40%
<b>WipEout</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Ultra-fast, ultra-stylish racer. A must for speed freaks...	Platinum 78%
<b>WipEout 2097</b>	<b>£19.99</b>
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Wheel Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Bigger and better in every way than its great predecessor.	Winner 94%
	
<b>World Cup 98</b>	<b>£39.99</b>
■ Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-8 Memory card✓ Link-up X Mouse X Multitap X Fast, tasty-lookin' footy sim that's cooking on gas.	90%
	



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